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Fair today; tomorrow partly cloudy; fresh west winds.

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SEARCH FOR SLAYER OF LAWRENCE MAN

Wakefield, Lawrence, Lowell and Boston Police at Work on Case —Was Stabbed 11 Times

WAKEFIELD, Dec. 24.—The search for the slayer of Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jewelry salesman, whose body, bearing 11 stab wounds, was found buried beneath a hut here yesterday, was continued today, police from Lawrence, Lowell and Boston assisting the local officers. Three men who were detained after the body was discovered yesterday were released today after a court hearing. It was stated at the police station that these men might be wanted later as witnesses. The police say they were anxious to interview Giago Furzone who is said to have occupied the hut during the fall and who is believed to have known Albertson.

A crowd gathered about the town hall this forenoon, anticipating the transfer of the detained men to the district court at Malden.

Even when informed that the trio were at liberty, the crowd continued to loiter about the town hall, noisily discussing the murder.

Albertson, the autopsy showed, had been stabbed 11 times and a rope with an iron core had been wound around his neck. A bundle containing a knife, hatchet, saw and bar was found in a corner of the shack today.

A committee of citizens has asked the police department to enlarge the night force of the town, which now consists of four patrolmen.

BY ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Great Whist Party in New St. Jean Baptiste Church, Now Almost Completed

One of the most successful whist and socials in the history of St. Joseph's parish was conducted last night in the upper part of St. Jean Baptiste church, which it is expected will be reopened for services about the middle of next month. The affair was attended by over 1500 people, who were eager to get a glimpse of the new church before the finishing touch is put on. The receipts of the evening were very substantial and reflect much credit upon the organizers, the members of the Notre Dame de Lourdes sodality, headed by their genial and zealous president, Miss Clorilda Heroux.

The new features of the church, including the handsome and artistic paintings, the elimination of columns and the construction of two galleries in the rear, as well as the well ornamented, fireproof ceiling, were the object of favorable comment on the part of the large attendance. Among those present at the reunion were the members of the clergy, Architect Henry L. Rourke, who drew the plans and under whose personal supervision the reconstruction of the gutted church was done, and Contractor William Drapeau, and other prominent citizens of the city.

Twelve deals of cards were played, and at the close of the contest an elaborate entertainment program was carried out by the sodality choir under the direction of Miss Anais Desrosiers, with Miss Georgiana Boisvert presiding at the piano. While the musical numbers were being given, the following, who had been appointed as judges, tallied up the result of the card tournament: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Racette, Jr. and Mrs. George E. Caisse, Mr. and Mrs. Herménégilde Marin, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Geoffroy, Miss Angelina Gauthier and Fred Lussier.

Handsome and valuable prizes were awarded the winners, and at the close of the evening Rev. Dr. J. H. Racette, O. M. I., pastor, addressed the gathering, thanking them for having responded in such large numbers. He spoke of the reconstruction of the church, and said he hoped the new temple would be ready for service by the middle of next month. The pastor extended his heartfelt thanks to the members of the sodality and particularly to the zealous president, who, he said, spared no time or money to make the event one of the most successful ever conducted in the parish. He concluded by wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Rev. Armand Baron, O. M. I., spiritual director of the sodality, also made a few remarks.

The event was in charge of Miss Clorilda Heroux, who was assisted by the following young women:

Miss Anna Barry, as treasurer, and the Misses Helen Malhiot and Amanda Bergeron as aids. The following members cooperated in the work by officiating as scorers: Misses Amanda Roux, Anna Bertrand, Alvina Bougeault, Anna Perron, Diana Gauthier, Irene Vanasse, Claire Pageot, Anna Lefebvre, I. Hotin, Ida Matte, Marie Geoffroy, Leontine Parent, Marie Ouellette, Ernestine Dalgle, Marie Bisaillon, L. Marchand, Amelia Harrison, Clara Hardy, Rose Roy, Diana Cote, Delia Hardy, Elise Germain, Regina Gilbert, Irene Malhiot, Anna Malhiot, Lucina Carufel, Louise Labrecque, Anna Gagnon, Antoinette Jalbert, Corinne Jalbert, Virginie Legoff, Alberline Grenier, R. Herbert, M. L. Gauthier, Demerise Bisson, Josephine Hamel, Emma Jacques, Marie Louise Verville, S. Martin and Emma Seigman.

The following young women were in charge of the checking room: Misses Elmire Verville, Emerentienne Delisle, Bernadette Bourgeault, Elodie St. George, Marie L. Corcoran, Amanda Leblanc, Dina Gagnon, Louisa Rivet, Anna Bourgeault, Elmina Cote, Marguerite Geoffroy, Marie Anne Beaucage, Maria Gregoire, Rose Coulombe, Augustine Germain, Caroline Morrissette, Marie Morrissette, Alice Leroe, Adeline Lavigne, Rose Lafreniere and Cordelia Carriere. Master Aristide Heroux was announcer.

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AEROPLANE DROPS BOMB OVER DOVER, ENGLAND

Petrograd Reports Two Austrian Companies Annihilated and Over 7000 Men Captured—3,835 British Officers Killed, Wounded or Missing

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—A statement issued by the official press bureau today regarding the fighting along the Russian front says:

"On the left bank of the Pilica obstinate fighting continues in the region of the village of Jesesse and Rojkowawolla, about six miles west of Nowemiasto.

"On the right bank of the Pilica we have made progress in the vicinity of Opoczno and Tomasze.

"In Galicia our success continues. South of the Vistula we captured during the 20th and 21st 66 officers and 5600 men, three cannon and ten mitrailleuses.

"In the Carpathians, while pursuing the retreating Austrians we captured on Dec. 22 36 officers and about 1500 men.

"Near Przemysl the Austrians attempted a new sortie during which several of their advance companies were completely annihilated. Other advance companies were made prisoners. In this affair we seized about a mile of railroad leading into the city."

3835 BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED OR MISSING

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—A total of 3835 British officers were killed, wounded or missing so far in the European war, according to an official statement of the war office here today. These are divided as follows: Killed 1051; wounded, 2152; missing, 632.

The casualties occurred in all branches of the service, about 60 different regiments having lost one or more officers in killed or wounded. No officers, however, are reported missing in the list, a feature that has been more or less prevalent in previous casualty reports.

Twenty-three British officers were killed during the week ending Dec. 15 and 51 were wounded.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S WAR NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Austro-German army of 400,000 that raised siege of Cracow assails Russians in South Poland.

Two Russian armies of center and south trying to join hands before Radom.

Germans pass Skierniewice in effort to flank defenders of Warsaw.

Severe fighting continues on Bzura river line.

Russians claim they have turned back the Austrian drive in Galicia.

Allies continue to set the Germans back at many points in Belgium and France.

Germans compelled to retreat from Roulers and Middelkerke.

Berlin official report says French attacks in neighborhood of Rheims have been "partly repelled."

Germans announce they have again driven the English from Richebourg l'Avoue.

French parliament by unanimous vote appropriates $1,700,000,000 to carry on the war.

Germans capture military post in Portuguese West Africa.

Emperor Francis Joseph is dying and has received the last sacraments, according to Rome report.

British government decided to indemnify those who suffered bodily or property losses in German bombardment of coast.

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MAN MARRIED IN LOWELL

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24.—Robert C. Miller, alias Robert Miller Hamilton, was held in bonds of $4000 in the 6th district court yesterday after pleading guilty of bigamy.

Miller was arrested by Inspector Haran after a complaint had been filed by the father of the second wife who is employed in a Providence department store.

Miller admitted to the police that he married Annie Hamilton in Lowell, Mass., eight years ago and that two children were born to them. He says that he came to Providence last June and became acquainted with Grace C. Boyle, a clerk, and married her Nov. 2 in this city. The first wife, a few days ago, came to this city. She found the second Mrs. Miller at her place of employment and explained the situation to her.

While the two women were talking Miller appeared and a scene followed.

TEXTILE MANUFACTURER

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 24.—Harry Tunstall, a textile manufacturer with experience gained in factories in England and recently superintendent of the Grant Yarn Co.'s plant in Fitchburg, has been chosen as agent for the Wamsutta mills, the largest cotton cloth factory in this city. Mr. Tunstall, who succeeded Herbert E. Walmsley, was born in England. He came to the United States 23 years ago and has since been connected with textile mills at Westerly, R. I., Pawtucket and Fall River.

NO SUN TOMORROW

Tomorrow being Christmas day The Sun will suspend publication of all editions.

WAS BORN IN LOWELL

ELIAS A. McQUAID APPOINTED ASSISTANT PRIVATE SECRETARY BY GOV. WALSH

The only nomination sent by Governor Walsh to the executive council at its meeting yesterday was that of Elias A. McQuaid, a Boston newspaper man, to be his assistant private secretary. The position has been vacant since August, when Thomas H. Connelly, who, until that time had been the governor's assistant private secretary since Gov. Walsh took office, succeeded Judge John F. Meaney, now of the public service commission, as secretary.

Mr. McQuaid's nomination was unanimously confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McQuaid has been a member of the press gallery of the state house ten years and has a wide acquaintance among Massachusetts public men. He is a native of Lowell, where he was born May 10, 1873. He attended the public schools and a private high school at Manchester, N. H., where, at the age of 17, he entered the employ of the late Col. John B. Clarke on the Evening Mirror.

He reported several sessions of the New Hampshire legislature and spent the summer of 1898 at Chickamauga park with the 1st New Hampshire Volunteers. About 10 years ago Mr. McQuaid was made the state house representative of the Boston Traveler. Afterward he entered the service of the American, which he has represented in many important capacities.

The newest member of the governor's staff lives in Pinckney street, close by the state house. He is married and has three children. His only affiliation is with the Boston Press club.

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SENDING XMAS CHEER TO HEARTS AND HOMES

Very General Effort to Aid Poor and Afflicted — Churches and Societies Dispersing Charity

Seldom if ever before in this city has there been a more general or spontaneous effort to spread Christmas cheer than at the present time. The firemen, the Elks, the various churches, the Salvation Army and various other organizations have all taken steps to aid the worthy poor as far as lies in their power to make the needy, the afflicted, the unfortunate, as happy as possible on the coming Christmas day. It is encouraging to find this spirit of charity manifest and to know that so very many people are striving to aid the needy. This is as it should be and the consciousness of having made others happy will be to the generous givers one of the greatest sources of happiness.

Salvation Army Home

Christmas will be appropriately observed at the Salvation Army's Industrial home on Fletcher street. At 10.30 o'clock in the morning a Christmas tree celebration will be held. A large Christmas tree, prettily decorated and heavily laden with presents, will be set up in one of the rooms and gifts will be distributed among the men employed at the home and the outsiders who have been invited. This will be followed by an entertainment which will continue until the noon hour.

A turkey dinner will then be served to about 55 men, many of whom live at the home. An appropriate program will be carried out in the afternoon.

Ayer Home

The children at the Ayer home will receive the visit of Santa Claus during the night, and they all know it, for they have informed the matron they wish to hang up their stockings before retiring. They all hope to roll out of bed at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning and from that time until six o'clock they will be given the freedom of the home. At 10 o'clock a group of children will entertain their companions with a playlet entitled "Mrs. Bean's Christmas Dinner." At noon a turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served, while in the afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held, this to be followed by the singing of Christmas carols, and the serving of ice cream, fruit and cake.

St. Peter's Orphanage

The little girls of St. Peter's orphanage will attend mass at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning and the choir of the institution, composed of children will sing hymns during the service. At noon a turkey dinner including all fixings, will be served, the food for the repast having been given by kind friends of the home. In the afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held, and of course this will be a surprise for the girls, for although they have prepared an entertainment of high grade, they are not aware of the fact that they will be given toys and valuable articles. A number of friends of the young people will attend by special invitation and it is expected a most cheerful afternoon will be spent.

French-American Orphanage

A feature of the Christmas celebration at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street will be the midnight mass, which will be celebrated at 12 o'clock tonight. The children will attend in a body, following the old Canadian custom, and they will also supply a musical program. The mass will be for the children and the sisters of the home only.

Through the generosity of Undertaker Amedee Archambault the boys and girls of the home will be treated to a turkey dinner tomorrow noon, including fruit, ice cream, nuts and cake. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. George E. Caisse will preside over a Christmas tree celebration, while Dr. George E. Caisse will play the part of Santa Claus. An entertainment program has been prepared by the children, who will also thank their benefactors.

Day Nursery

At 5.30 o'clock this afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held at the Day Nursery in Kirk street. It is expected about 40 children will be present. Tomorrow noon a chicken dinner will be served to ten children, while in the afternoon the little ones will be taken to their respective homes, to spend the rest of the day with their parents.

Salvation Army Work

Christmas dinners will be provided to about 150 families in various parts of this city tomorrow by the Salvation army as a result of the campaign for the Christmas fund. The call for baskets this year has been even greater than in the past, many claiming that they have been out of work and are unable to purchase the essentials for the Christmas Day dinner.

A list of needy families, who have met with misfortune in past years, is kept at the Salvation army quarters on Jackson street and besides the names on hand many ask directly for help while others who have investigated conditions of certain families recommend that they be given baskets.

The baskets will be distributed late this afternoon under the direction of Adjutant Ayres. Each basket will contain two chickens or one small turkey, potatoes, turnips, squash, cranberries, sugar, tea and oranges, and other good things that will bring joy to both parents and little ones.

At the Hospitals

While the association of good cheer with illness and suffering seems incongruous, yet Christmas Day at St. John's hospital is a day of happiness and impressive beauty to all. Patients with friends are remembered by them by little gifts and delicacies which at least gladden the heart, while those without friends, and there are quite a few in this great charitable institution, are also remembered by the charitably-inclined. The corridors of the hospital are decorated with laurel and Christmas bunting while the pretty little altar in the hospital chapel is adorned with a wealth of fragrant flowers contributed by kind friends. Tomorrow the usual Christmas program will be carried out. There will be three masses, at 4.30, 5 and 5.30, celebrated by Rev. Lawrence J. Tighe, O. M. I., with singing by the nurses' choir. Preceding the first mass the nurses will proceed through the corridors singing Christmas carols. Those of the patients whose physical condition will permit will be served a Christmas dinner of turkey while each patient will be specially looked after according to his or her condition. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock benediction service will be held in the chapel. The patients who are able will attend the services in the chapel. The sisters at the hospital will welcome any little gifts of food or delicacies for the patients while cash contributions for the hospital will be gratefully received.

Christmas at the Lowell General hospital will be celebrated by a Christmas dinner and the wards will be beautifully decorated with the prevailing Christmas colors.

This afternoon the children of the hospital had a Christmas tree and Mr. John Sayer, acting in the role of Santa Claus, distributed the presents. The day is made enjoyable so far as that is possible for the sick.

At the Corporation hospital the regular Christmas dinner will be served and the wards will be artistically decorated. The nurses make a special effort to have all the patients partake of Christmas cheer in whatever form that can be conveyed.

Chelmsford Street Hospital

A turkey and fowl dinner will be served at the Chelmsford street hospital tomorrow. The superintendent of the institution has received 667 pounds of turkey and 24 pounds of fowl, and it is believed with this quantity of food all the inmates will be given one of the best dinners ever given at this hospital. Pie, fruit and other good things will also be on the menu and a most enjoyable day will be spent.

Lowell Jail

Roast pork and fixings, including pies, doughnuts and fruit, will be the menu at the Christmas dinner at the Lowell jail. The inmates of the institution will also be given the freedom of the corridors and in the afternoon some of the talent of the institution will entertain with instrumental and vocal selections, a feature of the program to be victrola selections.

C. Y. M. L.

The members of the C. Y. M. L. will gather at their quarters in Suffolk street tomorrow afternoon to participate in a Christmas tree celebration. The affair will be held in the assembly hall and will be largely attended. Gifts will be exchanged between the members and the affair will produce laughter, for as a rule the event is one of merriment. The Glee club of the lyceum will entertain with an excellent musical program and games will be enjoyed.

FIVE PERSONS CAUGHT IN NEW YORK FIRE TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—When Arthur Corse, a telephone operator at a down-town hospital, paused a moment at the "dying" ward to enquire about five persons who had been caught in a fire trap on the top floor of their home on this, the day before Christmas, and for whom he had rushed out the hospital ambulances a few minutes before, he found the dying and dead to be his own mother, three brothers and a cousin.

Four of these had been suffocated in their tenement at 316 West 49th street before aid could reach them, the fifth, Corse's mother, is dying at the hospital. They were: Mrs. Mary Corse, 48 years old, her three sons, Charles 21, Frank 19, and Harry 7, and her niece, Grace Anadale, 8 years old.

The fire started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shafts. Scores of other tenants in the building suffered from inhaling smoke and minor injuries in escaping from the building. Patrolmen and firemen performed many thrilling rescues from windows on the fourth and fifth floors. The loss on the building was small amounting to about $5,000.

GOETHALS TELLS WHY HE REQUESTED WARSHIPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—[illegible] made by Col. George Goethals, governor of the canal zone, for the dispatch of American warships to the canal zone for the protection of the Unites States was made at the suggestion of naval officers in charge of wireless plants and canal affairs in the zone, it was forwarded to Washington in a message of last by Col. Goethals, acting in his capacity as governor of the canal zone, and the President is called upon for as Col. Goethals is concerned, it was announced Col. Goethals himself upon his arrival here today from Colombia on the steamship Panama.

Col. Goethals said that naval officers had reported to him that there had been two violations of American neutrality but he declined to give the names of the vessels involved.

"One of the incidents was that of a ship which sailed without clearance papers, the other was a ship reported to have been using her wireless within the canal zone," Col. Goethals said. "The naval officials in charge brought it to my attention and asked the governor to request the government to send warships to the canal zone. I transmitted their request as a matter of form and they responded promptly enough. In recommending that the ships be sent I was governed by the representations made to me by the naval officers."

Col. Goethals expects to go to Washington after the Christmas holidays to make estimates to appropriate $10,000,000 for the construction of cantonments, repair shops, machine shops and wharves in the canal zone. He said he also expected to go to West Point first to see his son, who is a cadet at the military academy there.

"I also want to ask for an additional [illegible] when I go to Washington," he said. "I fear we will have to keep a number of men working on the canal steadily for a year or more. The slides at Culebra are not to be settled in a day, they are one of the frequent slides. We have [illegible] side, however, to get through the canal [illegible] for the [illegible] we should be able to hold [illegible] of the slides long enough to find out if it can be passed through all right [illegible] in 50 years."

Goethals said that there are at the present time still 25,000 men on the government's payrolls in the canal zone.

SIZE WIRELESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Because she was unable sending code messages, the wireless apparatus of the British steamer Protesilaus in Balboa harbor was dismantled by canal zone police Dec. 16, according to a cablegram to the navy department today from Lieutenant Gresham, naval radio officer of the canal zone.

The cruiser Tacoma is at Cristobal to enforce neutrality and the navy department still has under consideration the possibility of dispatching another vessel to the canal zone.

A British statement recently to the navy department said Governor Goethals had said to a written [illegible] minister that he had been misinformed when he charged that a British collier was using its radio outside contrary to neutrality. Officials here now assume that the governor had referred to another British ship which also figured in the official dispatches as having violated the canal rules by leaving Balboa without clearance papers and that vessel has been confused with the Protesilaus. The unlicensed vessel had no wireless.

The Protesilaus is a British merchant steamer of 6000 tons, whose quarter of the British government station from Victoria, B. C., in November for Balboa, Panama canal zone.

WHAT THE FRENCH MAID SAID

FLOORS AND CARPETS

"A French housekeeper looks well after her floors and floor coverings," said Mme. [illegible] as she noticed Marjorie's [illegible] upon her as she arrived. Directed the parlor maid to remove a [illegible] spot from a [illegible] in her madame's house.

"You know," continued Mme., "[illegible] can be removed from [illegible] by placing a piece of [illegible] blotting paper over the mark and holding a warm iron over (not too hot) the paper. As soon as the paper becomes sticky renew it, and continue until all the stain has been absorbed.

"Silk stains, if fresh, will yield to washing with milk and water, but a mark of long standing must be scrubbed with oxalic acid and water, the correct proportions being one teaspoonful of the former to half a teacup of the latter.

"Fuller's earth is an excellent absorbent of any kind of grease, and will often take out stains that will yield to no other treatment. Make a stiff paste of the powder with water, and a few drops of ammonia, spread it freely over the stain, leave for 24 hours, then brush off.

"You do not polish the floors, I noticed Marjorie.

"There is no better polish than elbow grease," answered Mark, [illegible] the old-fashioned beeswax and turpentine. Enough some of the disinfectant waxes used in hospitals and other large buildings can be highly recommended. It is a great mistake to constantly wash linoleum and cork carpets for water rots the surface and makes them porous, thus providing homes for germs of undesirable microbes.

"This far, far better to rub briskly with a good wash-cloth, which also acts as a disinfectant and preservative. At the same time, too, the wax fills up all the little holes in the surface so that any dust or dirt that accumulates on the top can be easily swept away.

"Wax floors are quite common nowadays," continued Marie, "and they need careful treatment if they are to be kept in good condition. When washing them use as little water as you can, for if it is allowed to rest between the tiles the cement in which they are set becomes loosened. After washing the floor should be wiped over with a cloth dipped in skimmed milk, and a monthly rubbing with boiled linseed oil, very sparingly applied, will also greatly improve its appearance."

"You have helped me greatly, thank you very so much," gratefully exclaimed Marjorie in departing.

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COL. RUPPERT AND CAPT. HUSTON IN NEW YORK TO MEET FRANK J. FARRELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Col. Jacob Ruppert and Capt. T. H. Huston arrived here today from Chicago and went at once into conference with Frank J. Farrell, chief owner of the New York American league club, to arrange final details for their purchase of the club.

Col. Ruppert announced before his meeting with Farrell that the deal was not yet closed and that it was now all up to Farrell. He indicated, however, that he expected there would be no hitch. "We have offered a certain price for the club in condition that we get certain other players, too," Col. Ruppert said. "There are other details to be worked out, too, as well."

From Farrell, after a talk with W. S. Devery, who owns with him the entire outstanding interest in the club, had this to say:

"At the present time we still own the club and we will own it until we receive a price. That's all there is to it. We have nothing to do with what happens in Chicago. We merely have [illegible] and are waiting."

FAIR XMAS WEATHER

THE SNOW WILL STAY WITH US ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER MAN'S PREDICTION

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Wintry blasts today and tomorrow with a warming up on Christmas day is the weather bureau's prediction. Last night a snow storm came in the south and it looks as if there would be unsettled and wintry weather for a period of snow.

Yesterday, when the temperature rose to 44 degrees after 2 o'clock, it began to snow steadily down to the [illegible] morning. The snow [illegible] the snow on [illegible] weather bureau [illegible] in the charts which [illegible] Christmas.

Christmas will be fair, according to prediction now. The weather bureau says it will be better than last year when we had sleet, rain, no sleigh bells and all in all a disagreeable day.

NOTICE

[illegible] quarterly meeting of [illegible] Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of America, will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, instead of Thursday, Dec. 24.

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Tomorrow will be a day of rejoicing in all the Catholic churches of the world, and also in the Episcopal churches, for the day will mark the great feast of the Nativity of Christ. For this occasion the churches have been handsomely decorated and present a very brilliant appearance. The feast is the most important in the Catholic calendar and accordingly elaborate musical programs have been prepared. Solemn high mass will be celebrated in all the Catholic churches, while in the Episcopal churches special services will be conducted. The gospel story of the birth of the Redeemer will be the subject of sermons in all the churches and in the evening vesper services appropriate to the day will be held.

The church musical programs are as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 11 o'Clock
Processional, "There's a Light in the Sky," ..... Ryder
"Nazareth," ..... Gounod
Introit, "Puer Natus ..... G. Capocci
Sanctuary Choir.
Kyrie, St. Cecilia ..... Gounod
Gloria ..... Gounod
Gradual, "Viderunt Omnes," J. Falkenstein
Sanctuary Choir.
Credo ..... Gounod
Offertory, "Tui Sunt Coeli," J. B. Tresca
Sanctuary Choir.
Sanctus ..... Gounod
Benedictus ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Communion, "Viderunt," J. Falkenstein
Recessional, Christmas Carols

Responses by sanctuary choir of 55 voices, Brother Nilus director.
Church quartet: Miss Alice Murphy, soprano; Mrs. James Morris, contralto; Mr. John McNabb, tenor; Mr. Andrew A. McCarthy, baritone, assisted by Miss Teresa Slattery, Miss Margaret O'Donoghue, Mr. John Keegan, Mr. D. S. O'Brien, and a chorus of 30 voices, with M. J. Johnson at the organ.

Vespers 7 p. m.
Processional, "Angels, We Have Heard" Sanctuary Choir
Psalms and Antophons of the Feast, sung antophonally by the Church and Sanctuary Choir. Plain Chant and Bristow
Hymn, "Jesus Redemptor," ..... Mueller
"Magnificat," ..... Webbe
"Alma Redemptoris," ..... Webbe
Sanctuary Choir.
Benediction, "O Salutaris," ..... Faure
Tenor and baritone duet
Motet, "Nato Nobis," ..... Van Reyschoot
Tenor solo and chorus
"Tantum Ergo," ..... Bossairs
Church choir
"Laudate Dominum"
Recessional, "Christmas Carols."
Sanctuary Choir

At 5 and 5.30 a. m. masses Christmas carols will be sung by the girls' choir, under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Miss Frances Tighe will sing "O, Holy Night" by Adam at the 8.30 o'clock mass. Organist, Mr. John Kelty.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Solemn High Mass, 11 A. M.
Organ prelude—Marche solennelle, E. Ketterer
Processional hymns—
Angels from the Realms of Glory, Young
'Twas in the Winter Cold, Young
Introit—Puer Natus ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Kyrie—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Gloria—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Graduale—Viderunt Omnes .. Gregorian
Credo—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Church Choir
Offertory—Nato Nobis Salvatore, Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. John McMahon
Sanctus—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Benedictus—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Agnus Dei—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Church Choir
Communion—Adeste Fideles, Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Recessional hymns—
See, Amid the Winter Snow, Old English
In the Lowly Manger Lying .. Willard
Chancel Choir
Postlude—Glory Be to God ..... Mozart
Church Choir
Organ—Marche De La Reine ..... Asher
Soloists in mass: Mrs. Mary Monroe Mooney, Miss Bessie Finnigan, Mr. Geo. Kirwin, Mr. John McMahon.

Solemn Vesper Service, 6.30 P. M.
Organ preludes—Impromptu .... Faigler
Canzonetta ..... Fryetinger
Triumphal March ..... Marks
Processional hymns—
Angels from the Realms of Glory, Young
'Twas in the Winter Cold .... Willard
Chancel Choir
Nato Nobis Salvatore .. Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. John McMahon
Adeste Fideles ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
O Holy Night ..... Adam
Mr. George Kirwin
O Salutaris ..... Rossini
Quartet
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambillotte
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. Timothy Finnigan
Adoramus ..... Gregorian
Laudate Dominum ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Recessional hymns—
See, Amid the Winter Snow, Old English
In the Lowly Manger Lying .. Willard
Chancel Choir
Postlude—Glory Be to God ..... Mozart
Church Choir
Organ—Grand Chorus ..... Baptiste

Church choir of 50 voices, assisted by chancel choir of 60 voices under the direction of Rev. James T. McDermott, O. M. I., and quartet consisting of Mrs. Frank Golden, Miss Bessie Finnigan, Mr. John McMahon, Mr. George Kirwin. Organist and director, Mr. John J. Kelty.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Solemn High Mass at 11 A. M.
St. Cecilia's Mass ..... Turner
Sanctuary Choir
Processional—O Holy Night .... Adams
Master John O'Brien, Soloist
Birthday of the King ..... Niedlinger
Recessional—Come All Ye Faithful

Gregorian Vespers and Solemn Benediction at 6.30 P. M.
Ave Verum ..... Falkenstein
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambrotte
The Snow Lay on the Ground; In a Manger Lying Low, and other Christmas Carols sung by 50 little children

A high mass will also be celebrated at 9 a. m.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Solemn high mass at 10.45 a. m. and solemn vespers at 7 p. m.

The music will be sung by the chorus choir and solo quartet and a chancel choir of boys and men (vested) under the direction of Mr. James A. Murphy.

At the solemn mass the revised liturgical, "Messe Solennelle" of Gounod will be sung, and at vespers at 7 o'clock, the Psalms by Leitner, set to the Folsobordono style of church music will be sung from the choir gallery by the Sanctuary choir and church quartet.

During the mass and at Vespers the arrangement by Novello of the Adeste Fideles will be sung by the chancel choir (a capella.)

Soloists: Mrs. James A. Murphy, soprano; Miss Margaret Griffin, contralto; Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, bass; Mr. James A. Murphy, tenor; Miss Ella M. Reilly, organist.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 11 a. m.
March of the Magi ..... Dubois
Processional ..... Gounod
Introit, "Puer Natus est."
Kyrie, 'Mary Maglanen." .... Turner
Gloria ..... Turner
Graduale. "Viderunt omnes."
Credo ..... Turner
Adeste Fidelis ..... Traditional
Offertory "Tui Sunt coeli."
Nato nobis salvatore .. Van Reyschoot
Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei Turner
Communion. "Viderunt omnes."
Recessional ..... Busser

Solemn Vespers at 7
Pastorale ..... Guilmant
Processional. "Hosannah." .... Dubois
Dominus, Confitebor, Beatus Vir, De Profundis, Memento Domine, Gregorian
Hymn. "Jesu Redemptor." Traditional
Magnificat ..... Mazort
Alma Redemptoris ..... Rotoli
O Salutaris ..... Vinne
Tantum Ergo ..... Widor
Laudate Dominum ..... Gregorian
Recessional ..... Boslet

The chorus of 50 voices will be assisted by the folowing soloists: Miss Mary Whitely, soprano; Miss Vert McArdell, contralto; Mr. Harry Hopkins, tenor; Mr. James Donnelly, baritone. Mr. Joseph Egan, cantor; Miss Caroline White, organist.

At the 9 o'clock mass the girls' choir will sing Christmas carols and Mrs. N. G. Leahey will sing "Sleep Holy Babe," by Beck.
N. G. Leahey will sing .....

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

High mass at 10.45
Organ prelude, Pastorale ..... Boellsto
Asperges ..... Gregorian
Kyrie, Mass in F ..... Rosewig
Gloria ..... Rosewig
Credo ..... Rosewig
Ave Maria ..... Millard
Miss Catharine Hennessey
Adeste Fideles
Sanctus, Mass in F ..... Rosewig
Benedictus ..... Rosewig
Agnus Dei ..... Rosewig
Organ Postlude.
"Marche des Flambeaux" Stetson Clark

Vespers at 7.30 p. m.
Organ Prelude, Nocturne
Five Gregorian Psalms, Dixit Dominus, Confitabor Tib, Beatus Vir, Laudate Pueri, Laudato Dominum.
Jesu Redemptor omnium ..... Abt

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THAW SEEMS DOOMED TO ASYLUM UNLESS HE SPRINGS NEW SURPRISE

HARRY K. THAW PLANNING NEW LEGAL FIGHT
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Harry Kendall Thaw, who shot and killed Stanford White, will be returned to New York from New Hampshire, his present place of refuge, to be tried on the charge of conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum. He may or may not be recommitted to the asylum. The supreme court of the United States in a unanimous opinion held that Thaw was not entitled to a writ of habeas corpus granted him by United States Judge Aldrich for the district of New Hampshire, and for that reason reversed the judgment of the lower court. A mandate in the case will be handed down inside of thirty days, and until that occurs Thaw will remain in custody in New Hampshire unless there is some other sensational turn to the case. This apparently will end Thaw's remarkable fight to keep out of the clutches of the New York state authorities, which began with his escape from Matteawan on Aug. 17, 1913. It is the opinion of persons who have followed the case that Thaw will be formally arraigned on the conspiracy case when he gets back into the jurisdiction of New York and that then a lunacy commission will again pass upon him. This may result in his recommitment to Matteawan even before a trial on the conspiracy charge. That he is headed for Matteawan is generally conceded.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—Harry K. Thaw was dumbfounded by the supreme court decision. For the first time since his escape from New York he had nothing to give to the newspapers. Thaw has leased one of the finest residences in the city for the winter. He has gained the favor of nearly all of the residents, and it was only several days ago that a mass meeting of prominent women was held and went on record as being in favor of the freeing of Thaw. Many receptions have been held at the Thaw home and visits have been made there by Mrs. Thaw and his sisters. To churches and to the benevolent societies Thaw has given freely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Since the night of June 25, 1906, when Thaw killed White on the roof of Madison Square Garden, hardly six months went by without some form of litigation backed by the great fortune of the Thaw family. There were the two trials, one interrupted by a lunacy commission. There were five separate inquiries along the same line, in all of which the order of Justice Dowling committing him to Matteawan as an insane criminal was upheld. There have been various collateral suits, such as the freeing of other men in the asylum, to show an ineffective law which might be knocked out in behalf of Thaw, and all the time there has been now one group and now another agitating, working, contriving, petitioning, all with the purpose of freeing the man. The escape of Thaw from Matteawan on Sunday morning, Aug. 17, 1913, was in furtherance of another scheme. There was his flight to Canada and his subsequent capture in New Hampshire.

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YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS

If your child is troubled with constipation, try putting castor oil in molasses cookies. They will not taste a bit of the oil and help a lot.

When baby is teething and his gums are swollen and hard, rub on some lime water. This softens the gums and helps the tooth to come through, besides easing the pain.

When baby is too small to wear underdrawers, a nice way to keep his legs warm is to take old worn stockings, cut the foot off so it will fit on his hip nicely, put them on under his stockings and to keep them on pin them on to his other band.

The best bottles for a bottle baby are those that are round and cylindrical and have a narrow neck for the attachment of the nipple.

The one important requirement is that they have no corners on the inside, being rounded both at the bottom and at the top where the neck begins. This shape of the inside of the bottle enables it to be cleansed thoroughly.

It is best to get as many bottles as there are feedings in 24 hours, also buy a wire bottle rack to hold them when the food is made up for the day.

I made a very pretty bassinet for baby out of two oblong clothes baskets. I bought two good sized baskets and removed the handles from both so that the one that rested on the floor was quite firm. Upon this one I placed the other, then I wired the two together so that they could be carried safely from place to place.

Two coats of white enamel came next for the outside and for the inside of the upper basket a dainty but simple lining of white dotted swiss over chintz of the color desired for baby.

To complete the daintiness I bought four yards of satin ribbon five inches wide, of the same color as the chintz and made a narrow hem in each edge. Through each hem I put a narrow elastic and slipped the ribbon easily over the basket.

If you are living in a drafty apartment you will find this an excellent way to keep baby warm, safe and free from colds. Get a packing box about thirty inches high. Line the bottom and inner sides with cotton batting or an old quilt, being careful to pad the top edge quite heavily.

Then cover the inside and outside with calico, cretonne or any material of fast color. Place several thicknesses of newspapers on the bottom. While baby can only sit up, several pillows well protected with pads and an oil cloth or rubber sheet should be placed inside the box.

This will raise the baby's face above the edge of the box, enabling her to get fresh air. When baby begins to stand the pillows can be taken out and she will have a safe place in which to take her first steps. If four casters are screwed on the bottom of this box, baby can easily be wheeled from one part of the house to another.

In arranging a birthday party for children I once used a scheme that was both pretty and fireproof.

Instead of putting the birthday candles on a cake as we had done before I stood them in a low, broad cutglass bowl, with the bottom covered with white stones and pebbles to support the candles firmly.

I partly filled the bowl with water and scattered apple blossoms over the water so that the candles seemed to rise from the flowers. This was used as a centrepiece, the candles being lighted at the beginning of the luncheon.

Women with babies will find this powder very economical. Get ten ounces of talc and one ounce of boracic acid at the drug store. Add ten ounces cornstarch. Mix and sift together four or five times.

A little orris root may be added to perfume it, if desired.

Cornstarch can often be used as a baby powder when even the best prepared powders disagree. No two skins are exactly alike, so what agrees with one may only chafe another.

AUTOMATIC ALARM SOUNDED

An automatic alarm was sounded at 9.17 o'clock this morning when a sprinkler head burst in the Parker block in Middle street. Several pieces of fire apparatus were rushed to the scene before it was discovered that there was no blaze.

FELL ON ICY SIDEWALK

While on his way to work about 6.45 o'clock this morning, Joseph Ivers, of 350 Bridge street, slipped on the icy sidewalk and fell heavily to the pavement. He was hurt so badly that the ambulance was summoned at once and the injured man removed to his home. His right hip was injured by the fall.

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Bar Harbor	1.45	Brockton	.30	Milford	.25	Claremont	.50
Bath	.70	Buzzards Bay	.50	New Bedford	.45	Concord	.30
Belfast	1.05	Clinton	.20	Newburyport	.20	Dover	.30
Biddeford	.45	Fall River	.40	North Adams	.60	Exeter	.25
Brunswick	.70	Fitchburg	.25	Northampton	.40	Franklin	.40
Dover	1.35	Framingham	.25	No. Attleboro	.35	Keene	.35
Ellsworth	1.35	Franklin	.30	Pittsfield	.65	Laconia	.40
Gardiner	.80	Gardner	.30	Plymouth	.40	Lancaster	.75
Houlton	1.75	Great Barrington	.65	Springfield	.50	Littleton	.70
Lewiston	.70	Greenfield	.40	Taunton	.35	Manchester	.20
Portland	.55	Holyoke	.45	Walpole	.30	No. Conway	.70
Rockland	.90	Hyannis	.55	Wareham	.40	Peterboro	.30
Rumford	.80			Winchendon	.30		

Plymouth	.50						
Portsmouth	.30						
Rochester	.35						
Woodsville	.65						
VERMONT							
Bellows Falls	.45						
Bennington	.60						
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Burlington	.95						
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Baltimore, Md.	2.50	Detroit, Mich.	4.50	Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	Washington, D. C.	2.75

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Stock Market Closing Prices, Dec. 23

FOR COMPLETE REPORT OF TODAY'S CLOSING PRICES SEE LATER EDITION

BOSTON MARKET

	High	Low	Close
RAILROADS			
Boston Elevated	83	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bos & Maine	23	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fitchburg pf	76	[illegible]	[illegible]
N Y & N H	56¼	52½	52½
MINING			
Alaska Gold	25	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allouez	35	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Zinc	15½	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arcadian	5¾	[illegible]	[illegible]
Butte & Sup	34⅞	32½	[illegible]
Cal & Ariz	54⅞	51	[illegible]
Cal & Hecla	360	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chino	32¾	31	[illegible]
Copper Range	31¾	[illegible]	[illegible]
E Butte	8¾	8¼	[illegible]
Franklin	4⅝	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greene-Cananea	24	23¼	[illegible]
Lake	5⅝	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mayflower	4⅝	4¼	[illegible]
Miami	17¼	17	[illegible]
Nevada	11⅞	11⅝	[illegible]
Nipissing	6½	6	[illegible]
North Butte	22½	21	[illegible]
Ray Cons	15¼	15	15
Shannon	5	5	5
Superior & Boston	1¾	[illegible]	1⅝
Tamarack	25	25	25
Trinity	3	3	3
U S Smelt	25½	24½	[illegible]
U S Smelt pf	42¾	42	[illegible]
Utah-Apex	2	2	2
Utah Cons	10	9¼	[illegible]
Winona	2	2	[illegible]
Wolverine	33½	30	[illegible]
TELEPHONE			
Am Tel & Tel	118	116¾	116¾
New England Tel	129¼	129¼	129¼
MISCELLANEOUS			
Am Ag Chem pf	90	90	90
Am Pneu pf	17½	17½	17½
Am Woolen pf	75	75	75
Mass Elec	9	9	9
Pond Creek	12	12	12
Swift & Co	104¾	104	104
United Fruit	115	115	115
United Sh M	54½	54	54
United Sh M pf	29½	28½	28½

MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Mercantile paper 4a4½. Sterling exchange firm. 60 day bills 4.8275; for cable 4.8700; for demand 4.86. Bar silver 48½. Mexican dollars 37½. Government bonds heavy. Railroad bonds weak.

Call money steady; high 3; low 2½; ruling rate 3; last loan 3; closing bid 2½; offered at 3. Time loans easy; 60 and 90 days and six months 3½a4.

VERY DULL AT OPENING

SALES IN FIRST HOUR AMOUNTED TO BUT 20,000 SHARES—MARKET FLUCTUATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Early trading in today's stock market pointed to a continuation of the recent dull and narrow movement. A majority of the active issues were unchanged or at fractions above and below yesterday's close. Reading was the only stock to move more than a slight fraction, yielding 5-8 which it soon lost. Steel was a little lower at the outset, but recovered on dealings which included a block of 1000 shares. Otherwise the procedure was in small lots and by the end of the first 30 minutes these fell away to other operations with a lower trend.

Apart from its record-breaking dullness, sales in the first hour amounting to little more than 20,000 shares, the market was featureless throughout the morning. St. Paul, Reading and Rock Island sold under yesterday's low prices, likewise Amalgamated and a few of the cheaper copper stocks. Bethlehem Steel lost three points of its recent advance and New Haven fell back a point. Numerous sales of Steel were effected at 48⅝, yesterday's low, but attempts to break through that quotation were unavailing until just before noon when the price fell to 48 1-2. The features of the bond group were two-point declines in Wabash bonds and Minneapolis & St. Louis bonds.

An unusual situation was reached in the early afternoon when Steel fell to its minimum price of 48. Many other prominent stocks were off one to three points and new low prices were established all around.

Further recessions were made in the later dealings, other stocks selling at or near their minima. The close was weak.

BOSTON MARKET

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Very light trading marked the opening hours on the local exchange today. Values continued weak, North Butte selling at 22 1-4 and Calumet & Arizona at 51⅞. Prices rallied slightly at noon.

NEW YORK MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Am Copper	52½	49⅝	49⅝
Am Beet Sugar	33	30¾	31
Am Can	24¾	23¾	23¾
Am Car & Fn	45	45	45
Am Locomo	22	22	22
Am Smelt & R	57	54¾	55
Anaconda	25½	24¾	24¾
Atchison	92½	90	90
Balt & Ohio	69½	67¾	67¾
Balt & O pf	69¾	69	69
Br Rap Tran	85¼	84	84
Canadian Pa	155½	153⅝	153⅝
Cent Leather	37¼	36⅝	36⅝
Ches & Ohio	42¼	41¼	41¾
Col Fuel	24	23	23
Consol Gas	112½	112½	112½
Den & R G pf	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞
Erie	22	21¾	21¾
Erie 1st pf	34¾	33½	33½
Gen Elec	139	137½	137¾
Gt North pf	113	111¾	112
Gt N ore ctf	25½	25	25
Illinois Cen	108	108	108
Int Met Com	12	11⅞	11⅞
Int Met pf	50	50	50
Lehigh Valley	134	130½	130⅞
Missouri Pa	10⅛	9¼	9¼
N Y Central	85¾	84¼	84¼
Nor & West	99⅝	98¾	99
No Am Co	66½	66½	66½
North Pacific	100	97¾	97¾
Ont & West	20½	20½	20½
Pennsylvania	106⅞	102½	102½
People's Gas	116	116	116
Pressed Steel	35	34¾	34¾
Reading	141¾	140¼	140⅜
Rock Is	1	75c	75c
Rock Is pf	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝
St. Paul	87⅛	85	85
So. Pacific	82⅝	81	81⅛
Tenn Copper	30¾	29⅝	29⅝
Texas Pac	12½	12½	12½
Third Ave	35⅝	35	35¼
Union Pacific	116¾	113½	113¾
Union Pac pf	79¾	79¾	79¾
U S Rub	53½	51⅞	51⅞
U S Rub pf	101½	101¼	101¼
U S Steel	49	48	48
U S Steel pf	104½	103¾	103¾
U S Steel 5s	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝
Utah Copper	47⅝	46¾	46⅞
Westinghouse	67½	66⅝	66⅝
Western Un	57	56⅝	56⅝

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cotton futures opened steady. First prices: Dec. 7.40; March, 7.76; May 7.97; July, 8.12; October, 8.38.

The close was barely steady. Last prices: Dec., 7.30; Jan., 7.48; March, 7.63; May, 7.81; July, 7.98; Oct., 8.23.

Cotton spot closed steady. Middling Uplands 7.65. Sales, 200 bales.

OUR OLDEST CONSTABLE

J. S. Lapierre Has Served 33 Years—He Tells of His Service Under Uncle Sam

For the 33th consecutive time J. S. Lapierre of this city has filed his application with the municipal council for appointment as a constable for the city of Lowell, and inasmuch as Mr. Lapierre has served the city in the capacity of constable for 33 years, he entertains no fear for his reappointment. Mr. Lapierre, who will observe the 77th anniversary of his birth on Feb. 20 next, has the distinction of being the oldest constable in Lowell, not only in age but in point of service.

Mr. Lapierre is a native of St. Charles, Que. He came to this city 58 years ago and shortly after his arrival he went to Shirley, Mass., where he secured employment in a brick yard. After working there a year, he returned to Lowell and secured employment at a wire factory, where he operated a loom.

In 1861, when the Civil war broke out, Mr. Lapierre enlisted in the service of the north and was sent south to fell trees, the lumber, which was of extra grade, being sent to Washington. In 1862 he was transferred to Fortress Monroe, where he acted as helper in the government bake shop. After working there six weeks he was transferred to Norfolk, Va., where he attended the great celebration in connection with the freedom of the southern slaves.

From Norfolk Mr. Lapierre went to Washington and later returned to Lowell. Thirty-eight years ago he made application for an appointment as constable and was successful. At that time there were two constables in this city, J. H. Guillet, now a prominent attorney-at-law, and a man named [illegible]. Business in this line was particularly good in those days, for the mill operatives were being paid monthly and there were more bills to collect. Mr. Lapierre says he never had the least trouble in his long career as constable, for he made it his business to be polite and not take upon himself too much authority.

Speaking about his early days in Lowell he says he saw this city grow, for when he arrived here its population was about 27,000. There was but one small house in the Little Canada district, so-called and that was a tool shed owned by the Locks & Canals Co. He said upon his arrival at the Middlesex street station he asked a cabman to take him to the home of a man named Dufresne. This man lived across the street from the railroad station, but the newcomer did not know it. The cabman drove him around a few streets and then took him back to the railroad station and collected 25 cents for the ride.

French-Americans in Lowell 58 years ago numbered about 300 and among the most prominent were Joseph Miller and Louis Bergeron, who had arrived a few years previously, walking from the Dominion of Canada to the Spindle City. Mr. Lapierre was more fortunate, however, for he had a few dollars in his possession, but it took him two days to reach this city from St. Hyacinthe, Que.

Mr. Lapierre also holds the distinction of being the only public administrator for Lowell and surrounding cities in the county of Middlesex, his appointment being from the governor. In conversation with the writer, the subject of this story told of an estate he is now endeavoring to settle as public administrator. It is that of a woman who died about a year ago in Tewksbury and who left no known relative. The woman's estate consists of $1000 in cash, a building and a large tract of land in Tewksbury. The woman's debts and burial expenses were paid and there is about $2000 left in the estate, this money to be turned to the state in a year providing no legal claimant is found.

Mr. Lapierre, despite his advanced age, is enjoying the best of health and attends to his duties regularly. He is a well educated man, having studied law in Canada for four years, and is one of the best known members of St. Joseph's parish.

PURCHASING AGT. FOYE

HE IS HUNTED BY PIANO AGENTS WHEREVER HE GOES —ALL KINDS FOR SALE

The purchase of ten $50 pianos has caused more work and worry in the purchasing agent's office than has the purchase of automobiles for the water and fire departments—and that's going some.

Purchasing Agent Foye doesn't worry because the deepest hole in the world has been bored in Silesia, but the piano business has corralled his goat. There are two things, he says, that one cannot keep down. One is a good thermometer and the other a man or woman with a piano for sale. It's a very trying duty to serve on a jury—don't let that get away—and Mr. Foye has performed that trying duty, but never in his life has he experienced anything like the piano business. And the worst of it is the poor fellow is getting slammed right and left. Why? Because he won't buy 100 pianos a minute.

There were men in the basement at city hall yesterday who were white with rage because they couldn't find the purchasing agent. They said he was worse than any African dodger they had ever tried to scalp on the midway. One fellow said if he didn't get him today he would go home and sleep with him tonight so as to be sure of him in the morning. And while all these mean things were being said, the purchasing agent, poor man, was out looking at pianos. Mr. Foye is not omnipresent.

Besides the men and women who called at the purchasing agent's office to inform him they had pianos for sale, at least 100 telephone calls were received and it seemed to him, he said, as if every man, woman and child in Lowell had a piano they wanted to dispose of. Somebody said that Martin Conley, the man who looks after the affairs of state at the Chelmsford street hospital, had a "grand square" that he would like to dispose of. Mr. Conley, however, denies the soft impeachment. He says there is a piano at the hospital, but he doesn't want to sell it and couldn't if he wanted to because it doesn't belong to him.

But there are pianos enough in the market without depriving the inmates at the Chelmsford street hospital of an occasional tune, and the strangest thing of all is that every man and woman who has called at the purchasing agent's office, or telephoned, has used this expression: "The piano is just as good as new. All it needs is tuning." So the purchasing agent has made up his mind that whatever pianos he purchases will have to be tuned.

There are very dear friends of the purchasing agent who have pianos for sale: schoolmates, playmates and others, and it makes it rather hard for him. But Mr. Foye says he will be true to his oath of office and will cast friendship aside so far as the piano business is concerned. Yet the things the poor man has been called within the last few days would make the remarks of a London fish peddler to his runaway horse sound like a violin prelude. They couldn't be sent through the mails without bursting every known law on profanity. And he hasn't purchased a piano yet.

TO ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Manchester Coal & Ice company will be held in this city on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30. The meeting will be called at 2 o'clock at the C. M. A. C. hall on Pawtucket street.

The annual report of the treasurer and secretary will be read and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. The present officers of the company are as follows: Wilfred H. Marcotte, Jr., president; A. J. Provost, treasurer; John [illegible], Leva, [illegible] director; William H. Marcotte, Sr., general manager; Judge [illegible], secretary and E. J. Larochelle, clerk.

LINERS IN COLLISION

LIVERPOOL, England, Dec. 23.—The Red Star liner Zeeland, which had just sailed for Portland, Me., came back and anchored in the river today after having been slightly damaged in a collision with the British steamship El Paraguayo.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Newlands gave notice in the senate today he would defer until next session of congress his plan to coordinate river and harbor improvements into a broad national scheme of waterway developments. He said President Wilson was in favor of the plan but saw no time to press it at this session.

CRUISE TO SO. AMERICA

PROPOSED TRIP OF STEAMSHIP FINLAND IN INTERESTS OF TRADE HAS BEEN ABANDONED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The proposed cruise to South America of the steamship Finland under the auspices of a local financial institution has been abandoned. The reason advanced was that the merchants, manufacturers and bankers of the country apparently are not ready at this time to take advantage of the opportunity to begin a campaign for a trade conquest of the Latin American countries.

The enterprise was extensively advertised but owing to the limited time in which to prepare for it the business interests that were depended on largely to support it could not, it was said, make the necessary arrangements.

FUNERALS

GINGRAS—The funeral of Dorothea Gingras took place yesterday afternoon from the home of the parents, Alphonse and Isabelle Gingras, [illegible]. Services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Craig, who also officiated at the grave in the Edson cemetery. Among the floral offerings were tributes from the parents, Miss Nora Costa, Walter and Raymond Coste. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

TWENTY-FIVE INDICTMENTS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Twenty-five indictments charging the nonpayment of a federal tax on colored oleomargarine were returned by the federal grand jury here today. The indictments are the result of an investigation conducted by Robert W. Childs, assistant attorney general, who was sent here at the request of District Attorney Oliver to prosecute the tax evaders.

TROLLEY WIRE BROKEN

The street car traffic on the Gorham street and Billerica line was tied up for some time yesterday as a result of a trolley wire breaking between Manchester and Fay streets. All cars were obliged to use the outgoing rail while the break was being repaired.

$50,000 LOSS BY FIRE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.—Damage estimated at more than $50,000 has been done today by fire that attacked the cotton cargo of the Swedish steamer Orion which was beached off Charleston when she threatened to sink. The Orion was bound from Savannah to Europe.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Both houses of congress adjourned today for a Christmas holiday recess.

MONOPOLY IMPOSSIBLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—G. M. Dahl, director in several corporations in the so-called General Electric group, told the senate lands committee today that any monopoly of developed or undeveloped hydro-electric energy was impossible.

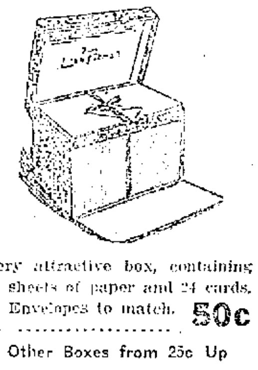
25 % Off On All Xmas Goods at RICARD'S

LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS AT MONEY SAVING PRICES

BRASS ASH TRAYS

In sets of four. Very attractive and offer an unusual, practical gift. Packed in a neat box. A set....... 33c

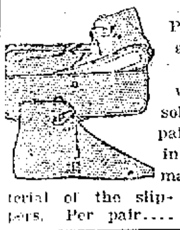
STATIONERY IN CHRISTMAS BOXES



Very attractive box, containing 24 sheets of paper and 24 cards, 48 Envelopes to match. At 50c

Other Boxes from 25c Up

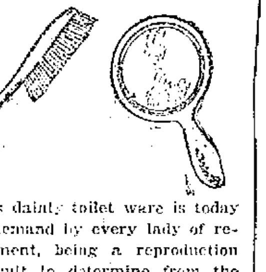
FANCY SATIN COMFORT HOUSE SLIPPERS



Pink, blue and red; high cut with soft soles. Each pair in satin case to match material of the slippers. Per pair.... 75c

IVORY PYRALIN

"THE TOILET WARE BEAUTIFUL"



This dainty toilet ware is today in demand by every lady of refinement, being a reproduction difficult to determine from the genuine elephant ivory. Our assortment is the most complete to be found at any store, and our low prices will appeal to you.............29c to $8.19

LOONEN'S PARISIAN IVORY

Large assortment to select from. Lowest prices.

The Latest in TOURIST CASES

A large assortment.

EXTRA SPECIAL

FANCY SELECTED Mixed Nuts

We offer these nuts as the very best that can be procured. They have been carefully selected for their extra fine quality and freshness, consisting of an assortment of

English Walnuts, Filberts, Castanas, Pecans, Almonds — IN BOXES OF

2 Lbs. FOR 25c

CONFECTIONERY

What token could better express your thoughtfulness than a gift of a Fancy Basket or a Dainty Box filled with our Choice Confectionery? Riker Confections are supreme attainments of master candy craftsmen and always meet the favor of the most fastidious.

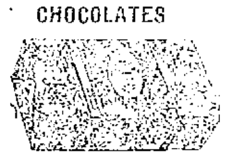
RIKER CHOCOLATES

The Chocolates De Lux

Their supreme quality meets the favor of the most critical candy connoisseur. In Riker chocolates one will find all the most expensive and delectable fillings.

½ lb. 50c — 1 lb. $1

EXCELLO CHOCOLATES

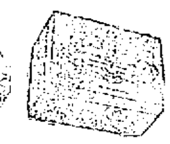


Excel All Chocolates at Their Price

An assortment of rich cream, fruit and nut centres, topped with dark brown chocolate. In special Christmas boxes.

½ lb. 30c — 1 lb. 60c

VENDOME CHOCOLATES



The Popular 80c Mixture

Each piece carefully selected to make an assortment pleasing to those who enjoy nut, fruit and chewing centres.

½ lb. 40c — 1 lb. 80c

DAINTY BOXES

Attractively designed, tied with ribbon and filled with an especially choice assortment of chocolates.

40c and Upwards

AUSTRIAN FOUREES

A dainty imported confection of ground nuts, raisins, honey, etc., with a sugar coating, made in shapes of nuts, leaves, etc.

Half Pound 29c Pound 57c

RIBBON CANDY

Made of pure sugar, assorted flavors, in two-pound boxes 25c

FANCY BASKETS

In many different designs, well made, and offer themselves for innumerable after uses. Filled with chocolates.

$2.50 and Upwards

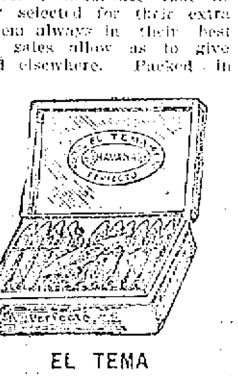
CIGARS

You might hesitate in buying a man a box of cigars, thinking perhaps you wouldn't get the kind that satisfied him. You can buy any of our brands with the positive assurance that he will thank you, as they are carefully selected for their extra fine smoking qualities. We keep them always in their best smoking condition, and our enormous sales allow us to give better values than can be obtained elsewhere. Packed in boxes of 25, 50, 100.

JAYNES LIMITED

One of the most popular cigars we sell. In the popular Boston londres shape, made of choice Havana with an imported Sumatra wrapper. A cigar that will give absolute satisfaction to any smoker.

Box of 25............$1.50
Box of 50............$3.00



EL TEMA

A perfecto shaped cigar made of the finest Havana and a Sumatra wrapper. It is not equalled in smoking qualities by many 15c cigars.

A Boitre Nature

Packing of 50 Cigars, $4.00

Toys

LOWEST PRICES—LARGE ASSORTMENT

Teddy Bears........25c and up
Cats, Dogs, Bisque Dolls, $1.19 to $1.78
"Mama" Dolls..............98c
Kewpie Dolls........24c and up
Young America Boy, unbreakable.....................98c
Meccano.........$1.00 to $10.00
Celluloid Dolls...........19c up
Chime Balls...............10c up

For Xmas

The latest Household article—Sternau Solid Alcohol Cooking Outfit.............$5.00

COFFEE PERCOLATOR

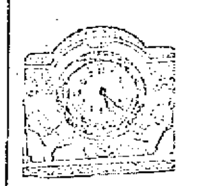
A percolator insures a perfect cup of coffee. Made of aluminum. A remarkable value at.......... 1.25

GERMAN IVORY CLOCKS

A very handsome little clock, for a dressing table, made of imported ivory and a good time piece...... 98c

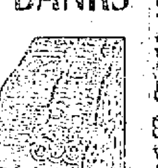
Others from......$1.19 to $8.98

KEWPIE CLOCKS



A clock of blue bisque ornamented with Kewpies, 98c to $1.49

FIVE COIN ECONOMY SAVINGS BANKS



The most interesting bank made—it registers and adds pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars. Cannot be opened until $10 is deposited. As a gift for a child it cannot be duplicated 98c

CAMERAS

A gift for the child that will bring amusement to the whole family.

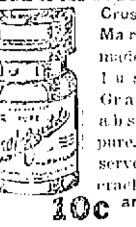
No. 0 Brownie $1.25

Kodaks, $6 to $25

Photo Albums, 29c Upwards

GOOD THINGS TO EAT AND DRINK

Something New GRAPEFRUITOLA



Crushed Fruit Marmalade, made of ripe, luscious Grapefruit, absolutely pure. Delicious served with crackers.

10c and 25c

CHERRIES

True Maraschino Flavor

Ours are the very finest quality of imported cherries, put up in true Maraschino Liqueur. Nothing nicer obtainable. A bottle

15c, 25c, 40c

Olive Oil

Fine quality Virgin Olive Oil, imported by us direct from the producers in Grasse, France, and bottled in our own laboratory in sterilized containers.

½ Pt. 35c. Pt. 60c. Qt. 1.00

Riker's Flavoring Extract

Absolutely pure, made from the fruit, strong and wholesome; may be had in Vanilla, Orange, Lemon, Almonds 17c

Loose Sage

In Cartons, ¼ lb......... 10c

Airline Honey

We consider this honey the finest produced. It has that delicious flavor you get only from pure honey. In two styles, clear in glass jars and in the comb.

10c, 15c, 25c, 50c

GRAPE JUICE

For Christmas Dinner

PINTS 25c QUARTS 45c ½ GAL. 80c

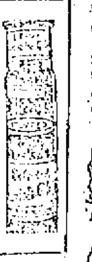
Maillard's

BREAKFAST COCOA

Absolutely pure, its fine flavor is unexcelled, a palatable breakfast cocoa, ½-lb. can,

25c

Choice Selected SPANISH OLIVES



These olives are selected especially for us. They are the finest procurable, large and delicious, both plain and stuffed.

10c, 25c, 35c, 60c

877 COFFEE

Blended to meet the requirements of the lover of an exceptional choice cup of coffee, a lb. 29c

14 Stores in Boston, 101 Stores in the United States
119-123 MERRIMACK STREET

RIKER-JAYNES DRUG STORE

You are SAFE when you buy at RIKER-JAYNES

INARI TEA

An expert selection of the choicest tea leaves scientifically blended. Oolong, Ceylon, English Breakfast.

½ lb. 27c
1 lb. 50c

STREET AND SEWER WORK CLOSED FOR 1914

The street department has completed all construction work for the year and this includes the paving job in Westford street and the Pawtucketville sewer. The snow storm put the construction work out of commission, but work on the Pawtucketville sewer would have stopped anyway as the appropriation is exhausted. The street department men are busy yesterday removing the snow and cleaning the gutters.

The following figures giving the amount of work done by the streets and sewer departments in 1914 as compared with 1911, 1912 and 1913 were given out today by Mayor Murphy:

Sewer construction—1911, 12,268 linear feet, or 2.34 miles; 1912, 11,851 linear feet, or 2.24 miles; 1913, 12,875 linear feet, or 2.43 miles; 1914, 18,210 linear feet, or 3.50 miles.

Comparative loan costs for three years—1912, $68,198; 1913, $69,768.54; 1914, $75,500.00.

Macadamizing—1911, 21,770, square yards; 1912, 71,974.41; 1913, 36,333.51; 1914, 71,226.02 square yards.

Graveling—1911, no figures; 1912, 41,135.10 square yards; 1913, 31,801 square yards; 1914, 82,210 square yards.

Granite block paving—1911, 25,132.00 square yards; 1912, 23,418.42; 1913, 25,745.82; 1914, 23,797.95.

The total yardage covered with oil this year was 1,150,958.02 yards.

Close Municipal Year

The municipal financial year will close Dec. 31, and all bills against the city must reach the auditor's office not later than Saturday, Dec. 26. The bills affecting the different departments will be gone over by the different department heads and will go to the municipal council for final action on Tuesday.

Complaints About Water

Water consumers on the high service system in Belvidere and Centralville are kicking about the condition of the water which is said to contain something that makes it very bitter. The peculiar taste is supposed to be due to nothing more serious than the presence of vegetable matter which is more or less unpleasant but not harmful. Mr. Rice, the chemist and engineer who has charge of the construction work at the filtration plant at the boulevard, took samples of the water to Harvard college today and will have them analyzed. The result of the analysis will be made known tomorrow.

Planning Board Busy

The city planning board is sending out a list of questions to the secretaries of boards of trades in various cities in connection with the proposition to install a system of ornamental street lighting throughout the business district in Lowell. The list of questions being sent out is as follows:

Has it brought to the city, for the day or evening, people from suburban sections?

Has it thereby increased business done?

Has it increased the value of property?

Has that increase either on old, or the building of new, property, or the increased assessment of personal property, covered the cost of running same?

Do you think the city has gained any in population in consequence?

Do you find that it tends to induce your people to trade in your city who might otherwise trade in neighboring city?

Do your people feel that the investment was a profitable one?

Has your city a contract for these lights?

Cost per light?

Are your lamps single or cluster system?

City Christmas Tree

The municipal Christmas tree, as was stated in The Sun, yesterday, has been placed in position on the South common and it was stated today that all decorations would be completed by noon tomorrow. The electricians are busy today installing the 400 or more incandescent lights. The work is in charge of Wire Inspector William Mahan, and he is being ably assisted by members of the Electrical Workers union who are giving their services gratis. Tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock the tree will be a blaze of glory as that is the hour at which it will be lighted.

Mayor Murphy has received a great many inquiries relative to the Christmas tree and this morning he received a letter from an anxious 11-year-old who says he can tog out to play Santa Claus and speak pieces. The mayor did not want to give the youngster's name, but he was so delighted with the letter that he thought it ought to be published. Here is a copy of it, minus the signature:

To Your Honor, Mayor of Lowell.

Dear Sir: I have the pleasure to inform you I have a suit to play Santa Claus and I would like to be down to your Christmas tree. I can speak several pieces if you wish. I am 11 years old.

(Signed).

Election Expense Accounts

Election expense accounts still continue to find their way to the city clerk's office. The latest to arrive here the names George H. Brown and Joseph Mullin. Both of these gentlemen were defeated at the primaries. The try for the job cost Mr. Mullin $235.05, while Mr. Brown expended $234.20, the most of which went to the Courier-Citizen company for advertising.

Chelmsford Street Hospital

Martin F. Conley, charity department superintendent, was a caller at the mayor's office this morning. A day or two ago Mr. Conley told about a turkey dinner which he intended to furnish the inmates at the hospital on Christmas day. He didn't know then just how much turkey would be required, but now he knows all about it for he has purchased it. The amount of turkey purchased was 667 pounds, Mr. Conley also bought 24 pounds of fowl, just to make sure that he would not run short.

Fire Chief's New Auto

Fire Chief Saunders will be riding around in his new 6-cylinder Buick car either this afternoon or tomorrow. The requisition went to the purchasing agent this morning and was signed and the contract awarded to Dan O'Dea, representing the Lowell Automobile company in Appleton street. The chief's old machine will go to the water department as provided for in the transfer orders passed by the municipal council yesterday.

DEATHS

THYNNE—Mrs. Catherine E. Thynne, aged 74 years, four months and seven days, wife of John Thynne, an esteemed member of St. Margaret's parish died Wednesday at her home, 69 Forrest street. Deceased leaves besides her husband, two sons, Lawrence J., of Malden, Mass., Frank P. Thynne; two daughters, Mary F. and Elizabeth A. Thynne of Lowell. Funeral notice later. (Kindly omit flowers.)

FUNERALS

DELANEY—The funeral of the late John J. Delaney took place yesterday at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 204 South street and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. W. George Mullin. Among the many floral tributes was a pillow inscribed "My Son," from Mrs. Margaret Delaney; and pieces from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delaney, Mrs. Bernard Delaney, Arthur M. Bertrand and John B. Chapman, Mrs. Kenney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyons, Mrs. Bridget Delaney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gately and Mrs. James Markham. The delegates from the Irish National Foresters were Patrick Linehan, John J. Mahoney, Michael Nugent and Thomas Horan, from the Tailors' union, John B. Sheehan, James T. Leonard, Frank George and Michael Arnbian. The bearers were Joseph, Charles, Thomas A. and Thomas B. Delaney, Patrick Dillon and Michael Duffy. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Mullin. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

WILSON AS SANTA CLAUS

PRESIDENT WILL DISTRIBUTE GIFTS TO GRAND NIECE AT WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Wilson will play Santa Claus Christmas day for his small grand niece, Anne Cothran, who will spend the holidays at the White House with her mother and her grandmother, Mrs. Anne Howe, the president's sister. A large Christmas tree was delivered today at the White House.

The president, with his three daughters, Mrs. Sayre, Mrs. McAdoo and Miss Margaret Wilson, and other relatives planned to go to church Christmas morning, to take an auto ride in the afternoon and dine at the White House in the evening. The president will attend to only absolutely necessary business during the day.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

FURS

Make Most Useful Christmas Gifts.

WEINER'S

Is headquarters for the most desirable Furs at the most reasonable prices.

Weiner's Fur Store

228 MERRIMACK STREET

Lowell Lawrence Haverhill

For Those Who Have Waited

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

FROM OUR HEAVY XMAS SELLING

We have broken our sizes in Bathrobes, Kimonos, Waists, Skirts, Petticoats and Children's Garments, commencing Thursday, half price. Perfect goods. The assortment is so large you will find what you want at these big savings.

CHOICE OF OUR

Suit Stock

$15.75

This is a Xmas special that is worth something.

$30 SUITS IN LOT

BATHROBES

60 Bathrobes Reduced

25—$5.00 values..... $3.98 | 35—$3.00 values..... $1.98

300 KIMONOS REDUCED

98c, $1.98 and $2.98

3 Dozen sold at..... $5.00

Coats Coats

Come here for coats. 200 received this week.

We are selling at

$5.98, $8.98, $10.90

Coats that sold to $20. New coats every day. Plush, Arabian Lamb, Zibeline and Novelty Goods.

40 DOZEN WAISTS

Reduced for Thursday selling at

98c, $1.98 and $2.98

We have added those styles selling to $5.98. Don't fail to be on hand today and tonight.

Children's Coats

Warm Coats $1.98, $2.98, $3.98

Some were $7.50. 200 in lot.

CHERRY & WEBB

NEW YORK CLOAK STORE

12-18 JOHN STREET

OPEN THIS EVENING

USEFUL

XMAS GIFTS

Smart Boots for Young Men

Shoes with long, flat forepart, close set edge and sunken eyelets, low broad heels.

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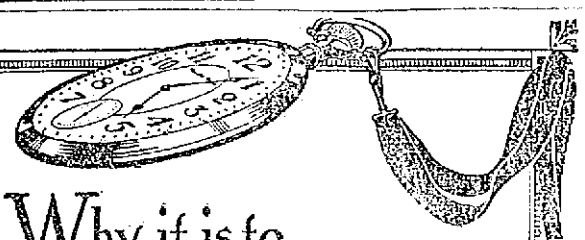

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FRENCH CRUISER DAMAGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The French cruiser Descartes was damaged, though not seriously in a collision with the steamer Strathmore in the harbor of St. Lucia recently. The Strathmore reported the accident on her arrival here today.

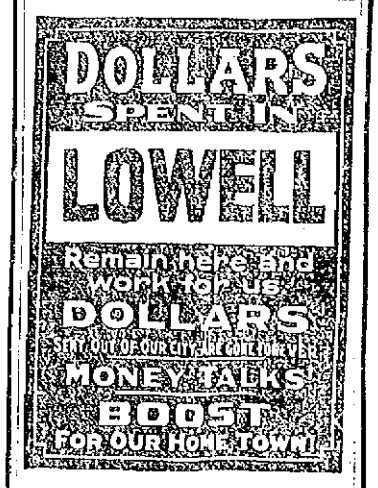
BILLERICA

The play in the pool tournament for the current week opened up Monday evening when Team 3 met and defeated Team 1, by the score of 50 to 34, the star playing of the game being done by Thomas Riley and Everett Mahoney, both of the winning team. The next contests will be held on Friday when Team 2 will meet Team 5, and Team 4 will meet Team 6.

The outcome of these games will be watched with much interest.

The final play in the whist tournament took place last evening and the following players were winners of prizes which were turkeys.

James Barton, 178; John Condon, 175; William Phair, 168; William McGrath, 168; W. Henry O'Brien, 165; Fred Hannon, 164.



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Best Macaroni, pkg..... 6c
Best Spaghetti, pkg..... 6c
Colombia Salt, bag..... 4c
Choice Coffee, lb.....20c
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Fancy Celery 10c
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Best Cranberries, qt..... 5c
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CHRISTMAS, 1914

Once, in David's royal city
  Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a maiden laid her baby,
  With a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
  Jesus Christ her only child.
    —Old Christmas Hymn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David." (Luke, Chap. 11, 8-11).

Two thousand years have passed since the angel of the Lord brought the message of man's redemption to the shepherds on the mountains of Judea, and during this time millions have gathered in thrilled solemnity at this time yearly to contemplate the wonderful nativity that was to have such an influence in moulding the world and changing the destinies of nations. At the time of the first Christmas, the great Roman empire was tottering to its fall, undermined by luxury and license. With its fall was to go much that was beautiful, but beauty and power had alike run riot and sensuality and sin were enshrined in the very temples of the gods. Who could have foreseen on that wonderful night long ago that a Child born in a manger would, without seeking earthly glory, throw down the proudest and strongest pagan systems and, by dying ignominiously on the cross, make the cross the most revered and the most mighty symbol from one end of the world to the other for two thousand years!

In earlier days than ours when there was, perhaps, more spirituality and sentiment on earth than now, Christmas was set apart as the greatest feast day of the entire year. The church surrounded it with the pomp of gorgeous ceremony and it became the central idea of Christian worship. It became also the inspiration of painter and composer so that today all the great galleries of the world have masterpieces of the mighty ones who lavished their devotion and skill on that wonderful group of the stable at Bethlehem. The Christmas spirit was not confined solely to the churches, however, for gradually in the passing of time, the season was regarded as the most sacred in the home circle. Thus in all nations grew up the beautiful Christmas customs that have survived materialism and that we, borrowing from the old world, copy more or less successfully. In the earliest times of druid mistletoe, gathered in the gleaming moonlight, was consecrated to the purer religion, boughs of the sturdy holly with shining green and cheery scarlet berries were brought from the forests to make the home cheerful, the Christmas log was lighted on the ample hearth, the wine flowed freely; everywhere was the spirit of gaity and good cheer to welcome the Christmas morn. No picture of a vanished age is more inspiring than the picture of a feudal castle of the middle ages with lord and retainer gathered about the same table, with the toasts and the Christmas carols, with the holly, ivy and mistletoe, the blazing Christmas log, the midnight mass with its exultant "Gloria in Excelsis," and all the external manifestations of the Christmas spirit which have come down to us like a beautiful heritage of the centuries.

It may be that some of the religious significance of the time has gone, but Christmas has still a power to move us more than any festival of the year. Tonight, under the clear December skies, thousands will feel its charm without fully comprehending its meaning. Hundreds of little tots will steal to unquiet slumber, thinking of Santa Claus who will come down every chimney and leave treasures of wonderland. The Christmas tree glitters in the front room, a green wreath tied with a scarlet bow hangs in the front windows, happiness has temporarily brightened the darkest cot and outside is the glittering snow, bearing down the pine branches; over all are stars as bright as that which led the three wise men to the crib two thousand years ago. Like jewels in the chain of the years Christmas days lead our thoughts back to the fairyland of childhood and to ancient days that have gone with the snows of yesterday.

But, alas, there is a shadow over the Christmas of 1914, that will be felt in every Christian home on earth—the shadow of a world war. Nations that have pledged devotion to the God of Judea are at each others' throats on this glorious anniversary and there is no peace on earth. Yet, the spirit of Christ-like charity has gone abroad and from this nation and every great neutral nation help has gone out to the stricken ones of Belgium, of England, of France and of the other powers on whom the heavy hand of war has fallen. Those who have been stirred by the influence of Christ have striven to do the work of Christ and though shot and shell may take the place of Christmas music on many a battlefield and though blood may flow redder than the holly berries, the smoke of the conflict will pass, pride and materialism must fall as fell the pride of Rome, and after the weary centuries mankind will again listen to the message: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

THE "UNEMPLOYED"

The social agitators who, a few years ago, were so busy championing the cause of malcontents among any class of organized labor, seem to have transferred their attention and energies to a class called "the unemployed," under which general description is grouped many a misfit with whom unemployment is deliberate and chronic. The espousing of such a cause and the clever airing of it at strategical points in the populous parts of the country gives even more than the old opportunity for oratorical flights and incendiary appeals.

Last year New York was the spot selected for the airing of the wrongs of the unemployed. Now an attempt is being made in Boston. Without doubt there are quite a few genuine cases of unemployment in those cities, but equally certain is it that among the supporters of the notable disturbers such as Rev. Bouck White are many who will support anybody and anything that is contrary to established law and order. The vicious, the irresponsible and the emotional agitator may be depended on to cheer for extremists in the social order, no matter what the real issue may be. If all our people were aware of the real motives behind such agitations there would be no need for alarm, but, unfortunately, too many are ignorant of the intent of such movements and are led astray temporarily. Often a great deal of harm is done before the mask of hypocrisy is torn from the leaders of these disrupting movements.

Referring to the unemployed who owing to a variety of circumstances are out of work through no fault of their own, the Boston Herald made the suggestion recently that some city enterprises be timed to come at periods of business depression, so that those out of work could secure public employment. The plan is theoretically desirable, but might not work in practice, as the Herald admits in the following:

> If public affairs were conducted with wisdom, every period of great depression would be met by extensive operations of this kind, and, correspondingly, when general business was congested such enterprises would be held in abeyance. The trouble comes on that side of the account. The forces behind public improvements are just as insistent on expenditures, in good times as in dull periods. And there is not money enough for the constant high pace.

Lowell can well appreciate the point of the closing sentences, for, while city employment would relieve the situation here at times of business depression, it is to be feared that politics and lack of finances would interfere. Yet in the suggestion is the germ of remedial activity resulting from fuller co-operation between our business leaders and our public officials.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

After hearing about the need for caution both on the part of auto drivers and the public, in season and out of season, for the past few years the public would like to believe that there is consistent improvement, but statistics prove otherwise. Records for the past year show that in this state alone up to November, 229 persons were killed through the operation of motor vehicles and more than 4000 were injured. In all there were 7961 accidents. Auto owners who may have resented the constant agitation for greater safety will surely admit that it is both desirable and reasonable in view of this list of death and accident. That a change must come is apparent, whether it is to come by voluntary co-operation between auto drivers and the public or through more stringent laws.

Many of these accidents were no doubt due to some mechanical defect but the great majority of cases were because of the human element and were preventable. One does not have to scan over state figures or to compare statistics from year to year to understand the basic trouble. Experiences in any community such as ours will reveal it. When, immediately after a fatal accident on a much traveled boulevard, resulting from overspeeding, we find drivers resorting to like recklessness, one may naturally wonder if wisdom is shown in the granting of licenses. If automobile accidents are to be cut down appreciably, greater care must be made in the granting of licenses and the laws governing speed must be made more stringent. Furthermore, the public must do its part by respecting the difficulties of the driver.

AS WAR RAGES

While the private sympathies of many of our people lean to one side or to the other in the present war, a great many wish for its ending more than they wish for the triumph of any of the belligerents. There is little hope for early peace in late reports which indicate the greatest determination on both sides. The allies are determined to conquer Germany and on the other hand, it seems, Germany is determined to fight to the bitter end with all the resources at her command. When the finish will be or how it will come is difficult to determine as the resources of both sides are great and as their mutual spirit is unprecedented in the history of nations. The one discouraging thing for peace lovers is the speedy change in the character of the war news. Today the despatches tell of the triumph of one power; tomorrow it is the other. This indicates heavy fighting or tall lying and as the armies both in Belgium and along the French frontier and in Russia are strongly entrenched, the loss will be terrific before any decisive result is attained. No war in the world's history has shown such a reckless disregard for human life. Even the sacrifices of Napoleon partook more of the nature of brilliant charges. In this war it is the endless, merciless grind day after day that is so discouraging to readers of the news. It is as though half the world has set out deliberately to obliterate the other half. The spirit of militarism that brought on the war must be stamped out before the world can hope for enduring peace.

GETTING POSTED

The Manchester Leader commends a delegation of the New Hampshire legislature which, before taking up a bill concerning a state institution went in a body to look the place over and to get the lay of the land. It may at first seem strange that the visit should elicit unusual mention, but it is nevertheless true that in many cases bills are taken up in a legislature which knows little and cares less about the real facts of the case. The viewpoint of the average legislator is sectional. He is swayed by the influence of his vote of the folks in his district and he sees the matter under discussion in a distorted light. If there was a more general desire among our legislators to get posted before going to the legislature, our laws would be more uniform and more to the public weal. The legislator who sees things only in the light of his own district and who looks upon politics as a game of give and take does not conduce to better conditions.

It seems too bad that we cannot have Christmas cheer without sacrificing so many beautiful young spruce trees annually. Any movement to eliminate them runs against a strong sentiment and yet if the people realized the loss to the nation, a substitute would be provided before long. The state and the federal authorities are striving to save the forests and to replant the waste places and here we have thousands of trees cut off for a moment's pleasure. Even as an economic question it is not wise to throw away so much prospective lumber for the insignificant return received from the sale of the trees.

The calling in of a policeman to stop a near riot at a meeting of the Cambridge common council last Tuesday evening recalls stirring memories of local politics in the days that were. May they be always memories, getting more ancient as the years advance.

From now on the days will grow longer and, according to the old almanac, correspondingly colder. Thus far the weather has been of the old fashioned sort that our fathers enjoyed. If we don't enjoy it, the fault is with us, not with the weather.

Which would the kaiser prefer to find in his stocking tomorrow morning—an olive branch or a new type of submarine?

Sh-h-h! there's a step on the stairs.

Merry Christmas to all.

SEEN AND HEARD

A leaky mouth can cause more damage than a leaky roof.

Most of us would rather lend a helping foot than a helping hand.

A Scranton announces that millionaires seldom carry money in their pockets. Glad to know they're in our class.

A western man has invented a new religion that has only five commandments. Well, he'll have as hard a time living up to his five as we have living up to our ten.

We are a lot of humbugs. We indignate about the small wages paid the girl who makes a shirtwaist and we deplore the small wages paid the girl behind the counter who sells the shirtwaist. But if the girl got more for making the waist, and the girl got more for selling the waist, and, as a natural result, we were asked to pay more for the waist, we would holler murder.

GOING THE LIMIT

Graham—Have you done your Christmas shopping early?

[illegible]—You bet I have. And late, [illegible]. And expensive. And disastrously to my pocketbook. In fact I have followed every rule and am going to be happy next Friday if it bankrupts me.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

WANTED STRONG ONES

"I would like twenty-five good cigars for my husband," said a young wife to the tobacconist while on her Christmas shopping tour.

"Yes, madam; how would you like them—strong or"—asked the dealer.

"Oh strong! Very strong," replied the young wife. "The last he had all broke in his waistcoat pocket."

JUST LIKE AN OFFICER

A good story is being told by Lord Lovat, head of the famous Lovat Scouts, who is to command the Highland Mounted Brigade with the allies on the continent. A very much ruffled private was under arrest for some offense, and Lord Lovat inquired of the sergeant as to what his offense was.

"He's a very troublesome fellow, sir," replied the sergeant. "Got too much lip, goes out without leave, comes back when he likes, and gets drunk when he likes—just as if he was an officer."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

THE NECESSARY GLASS

"Yes, my friend," exclaimed the lecturer, "there are many excuses for the glass. The sick man says he must have his glass to make him well. The shivering taximan must have his glass to make him warm. The sweating mechanic must have his glass to make him cool.

"But they lie, friends. Don't believe the workman who says he can't work without his glass. I defy anybody to mention to me a workman who cannot work as well and better without his glass as with it."

A voice in the back of the hall made itself audible:

"I'll tell yer one!"

"I defy you to do so," said the lecturer. Then the voice observed:

"The glazier can't do without his glass."

The lecturer continued his oration at a decided disadvantage.—London Tit-Bits

THE MOON AND TIMBER

It may be asked in all seriousness how much longer the superstition will live which ascribes to the moon an influence over timber? This unscientific and unprovable claim has long held a place in the backwoods, where people were prone to accept the teachings of tradition without much concern about cause and effect; but it is rather late in the day now for educated people to attribute to the dead, inert moon an influence on vegetation.

If there is anything certain it is that the moon has no observable effect on the flow of a tree's sap or on the characters and qualities of the wood. It can be argued scientifically that it cannot have, and it has been demonstrated in practice that it does not have such effect. Apparently there is some mistake in the statement that the felling is done by moonlight, or with regard to any phase of the moon. Accounts of modern mahogany-logging operations in America and Africa do not mention that custom. In some of the tropical regions hauling logs from the woods is done at night because the heat by day cannot be endured by the men and teams.—Hardwood Record.

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

(Words and Music by His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell)

I.

Hark the sound of angel voices
  Breaks the silence of the night,
Lo the heavenly host rejoices
  Mid a flood of radiant light.
And the shepherds gaze in wonder,
  As they hear the angels sing:
"Glory, glory in the highest,
  Glory to our new-born King."

Chorus

Let the heav'ns and earth adore
Christ the Lord for He is King forevermore.

II.

So the shepherds hear the story
  Of Emanuel's wondrous birth,
And they haste to pay their homage
  To the King of heaven and earth.
And at Bethlehem's manger kneeling
  In the light of faith they see
God's own Son His pow'r concealing
  In the direst poverty.

III.

And the maiden mother holy
  Bids them to her Babe draw near
For she knows the poor and lowly
  To His heart divine are near.
So they gather round the manger
  And their hearts with glad accord
Offer Him their loyal homage
  And proclaim Him Christ the Lord.

IV.

Come, then, Christians, let us gather
  With the shepherds and adore
Let us give Him our devotion
  And our love forevermore.
For the Son of God, our Saviour
  Asks us only for our love.
And the Child divine shall lead us
  To our home in heav'n above.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

MONROE DOCTRINE

The assurances from Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier that Canada does not depend on the Monroe Doctrine for protection were hardly necessary. Everybody knows that Canada is a part of the British empire and naturally looks to the empire for whatever protection it may require. The Monroe Doctrine was designed for the protection of the North and South American republics from European aggression, and has served its purpose well. If, however, Canada should at any time sever its connection with the British empire and set up an independent government it is not to be doubted that it would be glad to place itself under the same general protection now enjoyed by our sister republics in this hemisphere.—Springfield Union.

ABOUT ADVERTISING

All advertising helps a business, but not all advertising is equally profitable. If once in a while a merchant inserts a business notice that does not seem to give the returns it should, may this newspaper make a suggestion:

That is, that the advertiser, instead of deciding off-hand that advertising does not pay, should come to the newspaper office, or send for the newspaper man to come and see him, and together that they should study the disappointing insertion.

Every newspaper man is something of an advertising specialist. He has seen many kinds of advertising tricks tried out. He has his own theories, which may or may not be sound, but they are based on very considerable experience.—Manchester Mirror.

NEGLECT OF VOTING

Meanwhile, if reluctance on the part of the women of Massachusetts to avail themselves of the limited privilege of voting for school committee is to be accepted as an argument for withholding the full franchise, what shall be said of a goodly proportion of the male voters who are notorious for their abstention from voting, either at the primaries or elections? There are thousands of men who constantly absent themselves from the polls, while others vote only intermittently. What makes this showing the more striking is the widespread belief that in the overwhelming proportion of cases, rank indifference or laziness is responsible.—Salem News.

SILENT ROSES

The hooded rose bushes on the lawn look like veiled prophets who won't prophesy, but who keep up a terrible thinking inside their canvas shelter. Plainly they know more than they are ready to tell. It isn't given to everybody to probe the secrets of winter and yet be high in the councils of summer when the halcyon days come.—Lewiston Sun.

THE THAW CASE

We haven't heard the end of the case of Harry Thaw by any means although by a decision of the supreme court he must go back to New York state to stand trial for conspiracy to escape from Matteawan prison. That trial would surely prove highly interesting because if Thaw is insane he could not be guilty of conspiracy of any kind. If he is proven guilty of conspiracy he is also proven a sane man. If he is sane he cannot be locked up in an insane asylum.—Holyoke Transcript.

THE THAW CASE

Fugitive's Lawyers May be Prosecuted for Conspiracy

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas Carmody, who retired from office as attorney-general of the state on Sept. 1 last, will discuss the Thaw case in the annual report of the attorney-general to be submitted to the legislature next month. During the four years of his administration Mr. Carmody resisted the efforts made to obtain the release of Thaw. He all along contended that the efforts made by Thaw's attorneys to prevent New York state from having the slayer of Stanford White returned here were illegal.

Mr. Carmody in his report to the legislature will say in part:

"There can be no longer any legal resistance to the demands of the state of New York for the return of Thaw to its custody. The United States supreme court has decided that there is no question involved in the extradition of Thaw that can be referred for determination to the courts. Any further attempt of Thaw to defeat justice in this case, or to resist the demands of the state of New York is a defiance to the decision of the United States supreme court.

"There is a point in legal matters beyond which lawyers cannot safely go. That point has been reached in Thaw's case. There is such a thing as lawyers being guilty of criminal conspiracy to defeat justice. That point will be passed should any further attempts be made to defy the plain mandate of the law as interpreted by the United States supreme court. It will be the duty of the state of New York to see that any conspiracy to defeat justice by defying this decision of the supreme court shall be treated as it deserves as a criminal conspiracy against law and government and that all parties involved in it, whether lawyers or laymen, shall be brought to the bar of justice, to answer for such unjustifiable conduct."

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

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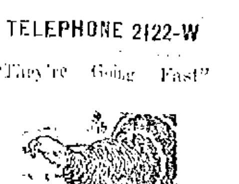

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KEMPTON IN LEAD

Holds an Average of 103.13 in City League —White Ways on Top

Kempton has jumped into the lead of e individual bowlers in the City ague, Myrick being displaced for the st time this season. Kempton now ands out in front with the enviable erage of 103.13, with Myrick second, mcannon third and Martel fourth. en rollers in this circuit are now hit- ng the sticks for 100 or better.

The White Ways are still at the top the race for team honors. Mike riscoll's Pets have won 28 points and st but 8. In total pinfall, however, e Crescents lead the White Ways by arly a hundred pins. The averages e as follows:

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

	Won	Lost	P'fl
hite Ways	28	8	13,352
rescents	24	12	13,478
owlaways	19	17	12,957
ltredges	17	19	13,181
rrs	16	20	13,016
es Miserables	15	21	12,880
runswicks	14	22	12,650
M. C. I.	10	26	12,533

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Kempton 103.13, Myrick 102.22, Con- nnon 102.22, Martel 102.11, Lebrun 1.17, Curry 101.3, Mosher 101.3, Notel 0.10, Marquis 100.8, Walsh 100, Kelley .13, McQuade 99.17, Chabott 99.2, Hall .1, Devlin 99, Jewett 99, Flanders .0, O'Brien 97.23, Wynne 97.18, Kit- edge 97.7, Noonan 97.6, Martin 97.3, cDermott 97.1, G. Clark 96.14, McCor- ack 96.10, Cole 96.7, Johnson 96.2, indle 95.25, J. Buckley 95.13, Burns .13, Perrin 95.0, Mahan 95.1, Lees .16, Kennedy 94.8, Beauregard 94.8, oban 94.5, Mullin 93.18, Bernardini .14, Sullivan 93.11, Dickey 93.5, Rich- rdson 93.1, Allan 92.11, Gromes 92.10, doin 92.6, Marren 92.5, G. Buckley .4, Brennan 92.3, Brooks 91.11, Griffin .1, Gilligan 91.3, Gendron 91.2, Dyer .1, O'Day 91, Hayden 90.1.

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KEITH'S BEATEN

Old Timers Won Match With Theatre Rollers —Cullen's Pets Won

Cullen's Pets were too strong for the leacheries last night in their Concord ague match, taking the first two rings and the total. Kirane of the inners was high man.

Keith's Theatre entered the bowling rena against the Old Time Operators nd received a jolt at their hands when e old-timers rolled a total of 1411. he Keith teams was badly outclassed, olling far below its usual marks. The aching of Treasurer Jimmy Mahoney as the feature. Hoban, with 342, was igh man. The scores:

BLEACHERIES—McIntire 244, Fox 5, Johnson 227, Finnegan 266, Kirane 6; totals 1218.

CULLEN'S PETS—J. Burns 267, Snow 8, Reynolds 247, Clancy 239, Kirane 3; totals 1269.

KEITHS—Devlin 250, Mahoney 241, Guthrie 243, Chase 251, R. Guthrie 6; totals 1245.

OLD TIME OPERATORS—Gray 276, ilson 247, Ellis 238, Spillane 308, Ho- on 342; totals 1411.

Christmas eve, some time, Associate, he Brownies will be there.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Court General Shields, Foresters of merica, met last evening and elect- d the following officers:

C. R., John Hanley; S. C. R., Patrick Rourke; F. S., James H. Cox; treas- rer, John McDonough; R. S., William Bowles; S. W., Patrick Carty; J. W., John Dailey; S. B., Owen Morris; B., James E. Lang; lecturer, John McGaull; trustee for three years, Patrick Roddy; physician, Dr. William I. Collins. The trustees were author- ized to purchase an emblem of the or- der for C. R. Hugh Finnerty who has served for two years as the chief ranger of the court.

Echo Lodge, N. E. O. P.

Following the regular business ses- sion of Echo lodge, N. E. O. P., last evening, the annual election of offi- cers was held with the following re- sult:

Warden, Mrs. Carolina J. W. Moun- tain; vice warden, Oswald J. Ber- trand; financial secretary, Margaret B. McLaren; treasurer, Richard A. Cur- tin; secretary, Katherine L. Curtin; chaplain, John J. Riley; guide, Thos. Frost; guardian, Charles Connors; sen- tinel, Everett Mountain; pianist, Miss Carrie L. Mountain; representative to the grand lodge, Mary E. Curtin and Margaret B. McLaren; alternates, Thos. Frost and Katherine L. Curtin; J. P. W., Mary E. Curtin.

Loyal Excelsior Lodge

Loyal Excelsior lodge held a largely attended meeting Monday evening in Post 120 hall, Merrimack street. The regular routine business was transact- ed and the entertainment committee reported great success on the last tea party conducted by the lodge, for the benefit of Brother Kite, who has been ill for a long while. The members are also taking great interest in the new degree staff. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: No- ble grand, John Crossley; grand mas- ter, Francis Carmen; vice grand, Thomas B. Holden; elective secretary, Fred Swindles; permanent secretary, Edward Hanson; treasurer, Andrew Mowatt; chaplain, William Pomfort; warden, George Camp; lodge surgeon, Dr. Sweetsir; pianist, Lyle Sewell; delegates to the district convention, George W. Dinsley and Benjamin Ing- ham. The lodge is in a flourishing con- dition and it is hoped that the mem- bers will keep up the good work.

XMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Continued

Magnificat ....Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris ....Gregorian
Ave Verum ....Gounod
Adeste Fideles
Tantum Ergo ....Minard
"Holy God We Praise Thy Name."
Organ Prelude, "Marche Militaire."
Gounod

The solos in the mass and at vespers will be sustained by Miss Catharine V. Hennessey, soprano; Miss Etta Hennes- sey, contralto; Mr. Cornelius F. Calnan, tenor; Mr. Frank P. McCarty, basso. John F. McGlinchy, organist.

Masses at St. Margaret's on Christ- mas day, at 6, 7.30, 9, 10.45.

ST. COLUMBA'S

High Mass at 11 o'Clock
Processional ....E. A. Battiste
Kyrie .... Kumln
Gloria .... Kumln
Credo .... Kumln
Offertory:
Adeste Fideles,
Misses Frances Tighe, Margaret Flan- agan, Catherine Kinnon and Chas. McQuillan
Sanctus ....Kumln
Benedictus ....Kumln
Agnus Dei ....Kumln
Recessional ....E. A. Battiste

Vespers at 7.30 p. m.

Gregorian psalms
Hymn, O Holy Night,
Miss Frances Tighe
Adeste Fideles
O Salutaris ....Werner
Tantum Ergo ....Werner
Holy God
Choir.
Recessional ....E. A. Battiste
Miss Catherine Wholey organist and choir director.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Solemn high mass 10.30 a. m.
March of the Magi......Th. Dubois
Hymn, Ca Bergers,
Miss E. Gagnon
Puer Natus Es..............Gregorian
Mass of J. N. Kalliwoda
Soloists: Mrs. J. B. Jacques, Miss A. Perron, Miss Rose Lussier, Miss Rose Lacouture, Miss Stella Latour, Miss A. Bonin, Miss E. Denoit, Mrs. Tele- sphore Malo, Messrs. L. J. Z. Robil- lard, E. C. Gauvin, Arthur Giroux, Arthur Leveille, Achille Levallee, T. H. Brassard, Alfred Ducharme, Hen- ri Weibrenner and Telesphore Malo.
Graduale, Viderunt Omnes ..Gregorian
Offertory:
Pastorale ....M. A. Melvil
Misses Rose Lussier and Stella Latour supported by the choir.
Communion, Viderunt Omnes.
Gregorian
Recessional, Noel ....Jules Grison

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 p. m.

Organ, Noel Chant du Roi Rene,
A. Guilmant
Harmonized psalms
Soloists: Misses Stella Latour, Rose Lacouture, Rose Lussier, Messrs. T. H. Brassard, Alfred Ducharme, E. J. Larochelle.
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor Omnium
Gregorian
Magnificat.
Choir.
Alma Redemptoris ....Novello
O Salutaris .... Rueter
Miss Alice Bonin
Ave Maria ....Baglioli
Misses Rose Lussier and Stella Latour
Tantum Ergo .... Goeb
Laudate .... Stearns
Recessional
Chorus Magnus ....Th. Dubois
Telesphore Malo, choirmaster; Mrs. M. A. Bernard, organist.

ST. LOUIS

Solemn High Mass, 9.30 A. M.
Processional—Organ and orchestra
Introit
Puer Natus Es .... Capoci
Millard's revised mass.
Soloists: Misses Clemence Simard, Alice Pratte and Bernadette Fontaine; Mesdames Eugene Soulard and O. J. David; Messrs. Ernest J. Dupont, Ur- gele Favreau, Adolphe Bouchard, W. P. Caisse, Sr., Etienne Bernier.
Offertory
Pastorale .... Lambillotte
Miss Clemence Simard supported by the choir.
Recessional.
Organ and Orchestra

Solemn Vespers, 6. 30 P. M.

Dominus, Confitebor, Beatus Vir, De Profundis, Memento Domine,
Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris,
Miss Bernadette Fontaine
O Salutaris,
Miss Clemence Simard
Ave Maria,
Miss Alice Pratte
Tantum Ergo,
O. J. David
Laudate .... Stearns
Choir
Miss Ida Mongrain, organist; Albini Folsy, orchestra conductor; O. J. David, choirmaster.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

Solemn High Mass 6.30 a. m.
Asperges Me...............Gregorian
Introit, Puer Natus Est
Kyrie .... Kalliwoda
Soprano solo.
Christe Eleison.
Miss Blanche Levesque
Gloria ....Kalliwoda
Tenor solo, Gratias Agimus,
Mr. Edward Gaudette
Graduale, Viderunt Omnes...Gregorian
Alleluia
Sermon by Rev. Walter Plaisance, O. M. I. D. D., of Tewksbury
Credo .... Kalliwoda
Tenor solo, Et Incarnatus,
Mr. E. F. Gregoire
Offertory:
Duem Vidistis Pastores....R. Hammon
Sanctus .... Kalliwoda
Agnus Dei ....Kalliwoda
Agnus Dei, soprano solo,
Miss Irene Parthenais
Communion, Viderunt...... Gregorian

Vespers 6.30 p. m.

Psalms .... Gregorian
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor.....Gregorian
Magnificat .... Perreault
Anthem, Alma Redemptoris.Gregorian
Benediction:
Ave Verum ....Gounod
Tantum Ergo.............Jules Grison
Miss Bella Lavigne organist, assisted by Laviguer's orchestra.
H. A. Racicot, Director.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Miss Agnes Collins, organist of St. Andrew's church has prepared the fol- lowing program for the 5 o'clock mass Christmas day:
Offertoire in A flat (organ)......Read
Miss Collins
"Angels We Have Heard on High," (trio) ....Basil
Lillian Barton, Agnes Hennessey, Mrs. Foley
"Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices."
Basil
Choir
"Adeste Fideles" trio ....Basil
Lillian Barton, Agnes Hennessey, Mrs. Foley
Christmas Pastorale, (organ) Dinelli
Miss Collins
"March of the Magi," from the cantata "Star of Bethlehem." ....Barker
Miss Collins

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Masses every hour from 5.30 to 11 a. m.
Pontifical mass at 11 by the Right Rev. Bishop da Silva.
Processional, "Adeste Fideles."
Portuguese
Introitus ....Trozer
Kyrie ....Korman
Gloria ....Korman
Graduale ....Tozer
Credo ....Korman
Offertorium ....Tozer
Motet, "Nato nobis" D. Van Reyschoot
Sanctus ....Korman
Benedictus ....Korman
Agnus Dei ....Korman
Communio ....Tozer
Recessional
Evening Service, 7, Pontifical Vespers
Dixit Dominus ....Fiske
Confitebor ....Fiske
Beatus Vir ....Fiske
De Profundis ....Fiske
Memento, Domine ....Fiske
Jesu Redemptor and Magnificat, Fiske
Benediction

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—NO. CHELMS- FORD

High Mass at 9.30 A. M.
Mass of the Guardian Angels..McEvoy
Processional
Meditation—Organ .... Morrison
Violin obligato,
Ruth M. Ward
Introit
Adoremus .... Turner
Choir
Kyrie .... McEvoy
Gloria .... McEvoy
Credo .... McEvoy
Choir
Et In Carnatus .... McEvoy
Clara McCoy
Offertory –
Nato Nobis Salvatore Van Reysschoot
Walter Mack
Sanctus .... McEvoy
Benedictus .... McEvoy
Choir
Agnus Dei .... McEvoy
John Green
Communion—
Adeste Fideles,
Training School Boys
Recessional hymn—
Angels Heard on High.
Choir
Schiller—March .... G. Meyerbeer
Organ
Soloists: Clara McCoy, soprano; Wal- ter Mack, tenor; John McQuade, bari- tone; John Green, bass; Gertrude M. Quigley, organist.

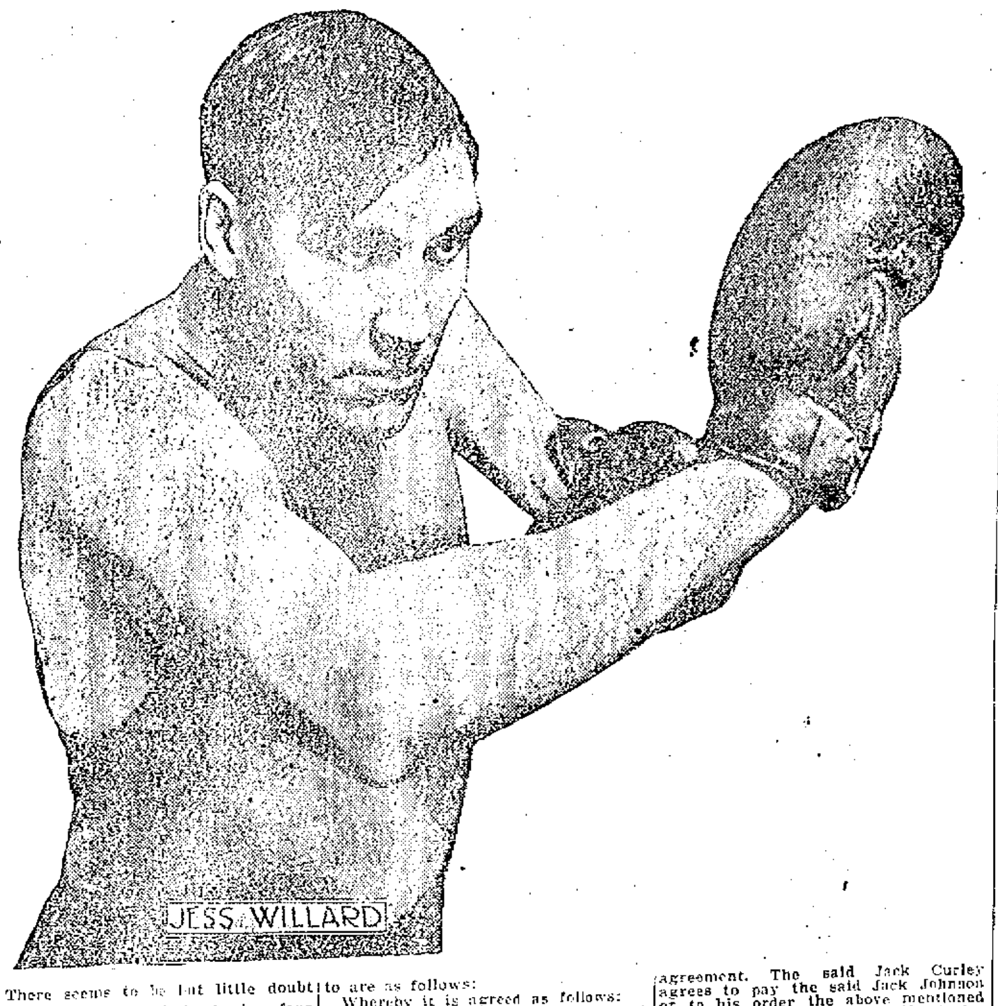
ST. ANNE'S, EPISCOPAL

Holy communion at 7.30 with music by the Guild of St. Cecilia.
Prelude, To a Wild Rose....MacDowell
Processional, Angels from the Realms of Glory ....Reade
Communion service in E flat.
Hymn, Christmas Awake
Offertory, Lo How a Rose E'er Bloom- ing .... Praetorius
Recessional, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Postlude, Praise the Lord, Oh My Soul,
Karg-Elert
Holy communion at 10.30 with mu- sic by the vested choir of men and boys (35 voices.)
Prelude, March of the Magi Kings,
Dubois
Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful,
Introit, (Christmas Oratorio) ....Bach
Break Forth! O Beauteous Night,
Responses to the Commandments in F,
Tours
Gloria Tibi in B flat............Gounod
Hymn, O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Offertory .... West
O Come! Redeemer of Mankind,
Sanctus in F, (St. Cecilia Mass) Gounod
Communion hymn, Calm on the Listen- ing Ear.
Gloria in Excelsis ....Old Chant
Recessional, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Postlude, Marche de Fete.......Busser
Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Charles F. Brown.

ST. JOHN'S, EPISCOPAL

Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful,
Reading
Kyrie .... Ancient
Sanctus .... Taylor
Hymn, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear .... Dykes
Gloria Tibi ....Woodward
Hymn, Bread of the World.....Hodges
Offertory, There Were Shepherds,
Alfred R. Gaul
Processional, Angels from the Realms of Glory ....H. Smart

AGREEMENT FOR COMING BOUT BETWEEN JESSE WILLARD AND JACK JOHNSON FOR CHAMPIONSHIP



JESS WILLARD

There seems to be but little doubt now in the minds of the boxing fans but what Jack Johnson, still champion of the world in spite of aught that may be said to the contrary, and Jess Willard, the best of the present crop of white hopes, will meet in a cham- pionship battle next spring, probably in March.

The articles of agreement have been signed by Johnson and in accordance with them he has posted $5000 with a New York sporting man as a guaran- tee of good faith. Willard has done likewise, but a hitch was expected in getting the big negro to post a for- feit.

Now that California has adopted a no-boxing law the Johnson-Willard bout cannot possibly be pulled off in the golden state. Mexico or Cuba are the places most often mentioned as the scene of the next bona fide world championship bout with the tendency leaning toward Mexico. The battle will probably be one of 45 rounds unless outside interference shortens it to 20 sessions.

Although Willard never boxed here in Lowell several local sporting men made the trip to New Haven last win- ter when the big Texan climbed into the ring in the Connecticut city.

The articles of agreement which Jack Johnson signed and like copy of which Willard has affixed his signature to are as follows:

Whereby it is agreed as follows:

1—The said Jack Johnson agrees with the said Jack Curley to engage in a boxing contest according to Mar- quis of Queensbury rules, with five- ounce gloves, with one Jess Willard of America. The said contest to be scheduled for from 20 rounds to 45 rounds at the direction and discretion of the said Jack Curley.

2—The party hereto of the second part to be allowed to wear soft band- ages on his hands, if he so desires.

3—The party hereto of the first part agrees to promote said contest and to pay the party hereto of second part for his services the sum of $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) in American legal tender. And further agrees to pay him one-half of the net amount received from the moving pictures to be taken of the contest.

4—The party hereto of the first part agrees to select the location for the contest not later than Feb. 1, 1915, and to notify the party of the second part in writing or by cable, care American Express company, London, unless oth- erwise requested by the said Jack Johnson.

5—The party hereto of the first part agrees to hold the contest between March 15 and March 30, 1915, and to notify the party hereto of the second part the exact date not less than one lunar month before the match.

6—The party hereto of the first part agrees to pay the party thereto of the second part one thousand dollars ex- pense money, on demand, through the American Express company, London, any time after the signing of the agreement. The said Jack Curley agrees to pay the said Jack Johnson or to his order the above mentioned $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for his services before he goes to the ring.

7—The referee shall be mutually agreed upon between the two above mentioned parties and Jess Willard, or his authorized representative, at least two weeks before the contest.

The party hereto of the second part agrees not to engage in any boxing contest before the fulfilment of this agreement without the consent in writ- ing of the said Jack Johnson.

8—It is hereby agreed upon that both contestants shall year a cup to protect themselves from fouls.

9—It is hereby agreed that the said Jack Johnson and Jess Willard, the contestants, must be open for public training, and to admit thereto all au- thorized newspaper representatives, and to undergo a medical examination on the request of the said Jack Curley once a week for the four weeks imme- diately preceding the contest.

10—Each party thereto agrees to de- posit within 14 days from the date hereof a sum of $5000 (five thousand dollars) with Robert C. Vernon of New York city.

11—It is hereby mutually agreed be- tween the parties hereto that in case any dispute or difference shall arise with reference to this agreement, said dispute or difference shall be referred to the said Robert C. Vernon as arbi- trator, and both parties agree that they will accept any award made by him with reference to the deposit mon- ey as final.

OPERA HOUSE YIELDS

DATES ENGAGED BY LOWELL CHORAL SOCIETY WILL STAND UNCHANGED

The controversy between the Low- ell Choral society and the manage- ment of the Lowell Opera House was settled yesterday afternoon at a spec- ial meeting of the license commission, the theatre proprietors agreeing to al- low the choral society the use of the Opera House on Jan. 24 and May 11, the dates first asked for, at a figure of $150 per night.

The hearing was opened shortly be- fore 1 o'clock with John L. Shea of the Great Eastern Amusement Co., Manager Hill of the Opera House and a legal representative of Julius Cahn present. Chairman Mullaney did not believe it advisable to go on with the evidence and questioned the Opera House representatives relative to the plans of the theatre.

Mr. Shea told the commission that the matter of renting the Opera House to the Choral society had never been mentioned to him before, but if an agreement was made with Julius Cahn it must be followed out. Mr. Cahn's representative asked that the hearing be continued until he could investi- gate the matter further, but this was not agreeable to the board.

After a discussion of several min- utes, President A. C. Spaulding of the Choral society, John L. Shea and Mr. Cahn's representative held a private conference and then assured the board that the Lowell society would have the use of the hall on the dates originally agreed upon for the prices stated by Mr. Cahn last summer.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

OTTAWA ATHLETES HERE

The members of the Ottawa Univer- sity hockey team headed by Rev. Wil- liam Stanton, O. M. I., athletic instruct- or at the university attended mass at the Immaculate Conception church this morning. The team will play Dart- mouth at the arena in Boston tomor- row night.

Hockey is the great national sport in Canada, and the attendances at the games rival the crowds that follow baseball in this country. The team that will match its skill against the Dartmouth athletes tomorrow night is said to be the fastest team ever turned out and Captain Nagle is confident of victory. Last year the Canadian aggre- gation beat Harvard and other big col- lege teams.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

FIRE IN BOX CAR

A brisk fire in an empty box car on the Boston & Maine railroad tracks, near the roundhouse, caused an alarm from box 34 shortly before 8.30 o'clock last evening. The car had been used to transport potatoes and had a small woodstove in it. It is believed that persons entered the car and in an en- deavor to start a fire in the stove, set fire to the floor of the car. The fire- men had no trouble in extinguishing the blaze.

Members of the Westford street fire station were called to the home of Dr. Marshall L. Alling, 617 Westford street, at 5.27 o'clock, where a slight chimney fire was in progress. No damage.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE

The management of the Opera House offers as a special Christmas attrac- tion, beginning today, five of the strongest acts ever presented at pop- ular prices, including 24 clever en- tertainers, in addition to the usual pic- tures and the photoplay. Each act on the vaudeville bill may be classed as a headliner.

"Fun in Poppyland" is an up-to-date musical comedy presented by a com- pany of 11 people, eight pretty singing girls and three clever comedians. It is staged with elaborate scenery, cos- toms and electrical and mechanical ef- fects. "The Eight Melody Boys," a double-quartet of singers and dancers are one of the cleverest aggregations of entertainers ever playing in this city. Don't miss Milo? The Mysterious One. See the act and decide for your- self. Milo's act has been a tremen- dous surprise and a big hit wherever it has been presented. Italia and company offer a very entertaining comedy sketch. Then there's Sam Barber, known as "The coon with the educated feet." While not shuffling his pedal extremities Sam entertains with lively patter and song.

The photoplay offered, "The Ter- rors of the Coast," is a particularly strong tragedy of the North sea, so prominently before the public at the present time as the scene of Europe's naval warfare.

The Christmas performances will be- gin at 2 and 7.15, and each program runs exactly three hours, including the pictures. There are 1600 comfortable seats in the Opera House, and the prices will not change despite the usually strong and expensive holiday bill offered.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The new management of the Acad- emy of Music has installed two new projecting machines which are pro- nounced to be the last word in picture projection. At this pleasure place may be seen the popular Paramount pic- tures and the Warner pictures. The policy of the new management is to show only those pictures which have never been seen in the city previous to their projection on the curtain of the Academy. Catering especially to la- dies and children is also the aim of the new managers. In the future Amateur night will be observed on Tuesday night.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The best vaudeville bill presented locally in many months is that on pa- rade at the B. F. Keith theatre this week. For balance and for pure enter- tainment it stands out apart. Head- lined is Joe Cook, known as "the one- man show of vaudeville," who lightly travesties all of the variety acts we are accustomed to see. Cook picks up a suggestion from an act very quickly and everything he does is suggestive of scores of acts we have seen many times. Harry Adler and Anna Arline, in "The New Idea," have struck some- thing which is quite different from the ordinary run of funny acts. Incident- ally, Adler is one of the most profi- cient imitators who have visited us. The dancing by McMahon, Diamond & Chaplow is wonderfully good, and the scarecrow stunt is of very high class. Smith, Cook & Brandon offer a supe- rior brand of fun and dancing, and the Four Melodious Chaps play on two pianos, sing and caper about. The par- rots of Mlle. Tuttle are very highly trained, while the foot juggling of the Tayo troupe is splendid. The Hearst- Selig News Pictorial holds many new pictures. Good seats may be obtained at the box office in advance. Phone 28.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Owing to the fact that The Sun will suspend publication of all editions to- morrow the members of the Merrimack Square Theatre company take this op- portunity of wishing their many friends and admirers not only a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, but the merriest of them all. And just to prove their wish is sincere they are appearing in the liveliest and merriest of all comedies "The Blue Mouse," as their Christmas attraction and one but has to witness it to have a smile paint- ed on his or her countenance which will last for weeks to come. There are still many good seats for both perform- ances to be given tomorrow and spe- cial attention is called to the time of starting the matinee which will be at 2.30 for the convenience of patrons. The evening performance will begin as usual at 8 o'clock and the same prices will prevail: 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

HERO OF "PERILS OF PAULINE"

The method now used of advertising prominent stars in motion pictures makes it rather difficult when any of these stars is to appear in person to convey this idea to the public. Even well known dramatic stars when tour- ing the country in person after be- ing featured in some famous photo- play, find it almost impossible to dis- associate themselves from the picture, and satisfy the public that they are really coming in the flesh. Since the first announcement of the personal ap- pearance here of Mr. Crane Wilbur, the noted film star, and hero of the great Serial picture, "The Perils of Pauline," there has been no end of discussion as to whether he would be presented in some picture, or would actually appear in the flesh. Because of his enormous salary, which compares with that of the president of the United States, many have contended that he was en- tirely too expensive to be presented in person in any but the biggest metro- politan cities. But the large army of local picture fans need have no further doubt as to whether Mr. Wilbur is coming himself. His management makes the positive assurance that he will come in the flesh and this assur- ance is backed up by the personal word of Mr. Wilbur himself. With a company of artists which he has him- self carefully selected, he will appear at the Merrimack Square theatre on Sunday matinee and evening, December 27. The time of his arrival in town will be announced in ample time to permit the skeptical ones to meet him at the train and be absolutely convinced that it is Mr. Crane Wilbur in the flesh, and not Mr. Crane Wilbur on the screen. Prices 10, 15 and 25 and a few at 50 cents. Seats now.

ATHLETES AND ATHLETICS

Connie Mack is banking upon Bill Kopf to fill the place left vacant by the sale of Eddie Collins to the White Sox. The Athletic manager at any rate has often made the assertion that Kopf was as classy an infielder as the Amer- ican league boasted. Kopf played with Fall River in the New England league one season. At that time and later when he was picked up by the Naps, Kopf played under the name of Brady.

Louis Pieper seems to be up against it for a catcher next season. The for- mer Lawrence manager will be obliged to land a backstop before he can go very far with his Lynn club. However, he has several players down on the seashore whom he should be able to exchange for a first class mitt wearer.

Frank Cavanaugh has refused to sign up with the Dartmouth football team for another three-year term at the same salary he received during the past three seasons. The head coach of the Hanover institution will probably get his price in the end although the athletic council are rather loath to pay it. Cavanaugh, it is said, has asked for $6000. The alumni are determined to bring him back at any price.

Eddie Miller, one of the greatest in- fielders who ever cavorted about the New England league diamond, is men- tioned as one of the players who may go to the Yankees in the pending Browns-New York deal. Miller was used as a utility man last season and gave evidence of everything but a throwing arm. If Eddie was not mus- cle bound he wouldn't be holding down a utility berth.

Al Gutterson, the best broad jumper ever produced in America, has an- nounced his intention of reentering athletics. Gutterson, as well as being a wonderful distance leaper, is also a crack low hurdler. He will probably compete for the B. A. A. On his first trial at the Olympic games in Stock- holm Gutterson cleared 24 feet 11½ inches. The world's record is 24 feet 11¾, made by Peter O'Connor of Ire- land.

Hans Lobert, the third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals last season, must want a ball park and franchise for his services another year. Lobert could not come to terms with the Phil- lies and then the Feds sought him out. Now President Gilmore of the outlaws is all but discouraged over the pros- pects of landing this player, while Johnny McGraw wore out what pa- tience he possesses (which by common report isn't much) in an attempt to land him for O. B. Lobert will probably come to his senses soon enough if the various clubs keep away from him.

Buck Weaver led the Lowell pitchers last season with six wins and four de- feats for percentage of .600. Ring's work on the mound, however, was the most noteworthy of the local pitchers. Jimmy won 17 out of 31 games. Loh- man was a big disappointment in the pitching department for he did not come up to an even break. The Texan won only 17 games and lost 18.

The American and National All-Star team has returned to the states from Honolulu. The trip this year was a great financial success. Before leaving the island each player who made the trip was given a check for $1500. The team will play a few more games in southern California and New Mexico before disbanding.

Conover, the St. Paul school centre, is regarded as one of the country's greatest hockey players. The Concord, N. H., star played a whirlwind game against Yale in the St. Nicholas rink the other night and the New York crit- ics picked him as the most active man on the ice. St. Paul usually boasts an exceptionally good hockey seven.

Pete Wacob may not be back in the local baseball fold when next season comes around. In a letter to the Sun's sporting writer Pete complained of the climate and also of the long trip be- fore and after the season. Although Wacob was not in shape until the sea- son was half over his work during the latter part of the baseball year showed him to be a sterling performer.

Gunboat Smith seems to have caved in any white hope's chances. His de- cisive walloping of Tom McCarthy last night would indicate that the latter is more or less of a newspaper champion. According to some of the stories we heard from New York way one would have thought that the Gunboat was due to be sunk in a few short rounds. Instead of that, however, Smith clipped McCarthy at will and floored him so often that the stunt became monoto- nous. The bout was stopped in the fourth session owing to McCarthy's weak condition.

The Penn football committee has adopted Harvard's system of coaching in so far as Coach Haughton can be imitated. Next season the coach and captain of the Red and Blue eleven will not have entire control of the football policy. At Harvard, although a board has the power to control, Percy Haughton's ideas go through without a murmur. Perhaps if Brook's team is returned a winner he, too, will be accorded full control.

Jack Johnson has shifted his base of operations to Buenos Ayres, Argentine. The huge negro intends to give exhibi- tions in the South American repub- lic while getting in condition for his bout with Jess Willard. John now says that Paris is too dull for him and that he will probably make his home in Buenos Ayres.

Walter Johnson has returned the $6000 given him by Charles Weeghman as a bonus for signing a Fed contract and is now simply waiting to discover what the courts will do with his case. It begins to look as though the great pitcher simply used the outlaws as a lever to pry the Washington club loose from a few thousands more salary.

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FRENCH TROOPS ON THE MARCH BACK OF THE LINES IN NORTH FRANCE TO AID IN ATTACK

FRENCH SOLDIERS ON MARCH IN NORTHERN FRANCE ©1914 BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

This is a picture of French soldiers on the march in northern France. The infantry is accompanied by pack animals. It is supposed that this picture was taken not far from the lines of the allies and that the troops were on the march to another part of the front for an attack. The caption permitted by the censor to come through simply states that the troops are on the march in northern France.

TO BLOW UP SHIP

Alleged Conspiracy in New Orleans Discovered by Faguet

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The existence of an alleged conspiracy in New Orleans to blow up a French or English passenger ship on the sea by placing an infernal machine in her cargo before she should sail from New York was shown 12 days ago by Paul Faguet, general agent of the French line, according to an announcement made here today.

A small army of detectives was employed to prevent the fruition of the scheme. Every bit of baggage and cargo going into the French line ships was closely examined and the proper authorities, Mr. Faguet said, were promptly notified.

It was believed here that this notification was what resulted in the arrest of four men in New Orleans last night.

"We have taken and shall continue to take every precaution against outrages of this sort," Mr. Faguet said. "It is virtually impossible for an infernal machine to be placed aboard any of our ships while here."

The Cunard line and the International Mercantile line which controls a large proportion of the British trans-Atlantic liners have strengthened their guards and visitors are excluded from the ships and their docks.

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DR. SMITH FREED

Lowell Physician Was Granted Pardon by the Executive Council

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Dr. S. P. Smith, a Lowell physician, serving a prison term for malpractice, was pardoned by the executive council today. A parole was granted Dr. Smith two weeks ago, but it was discovered later that legal technicalities made it inoperative in his case.

Because of the mistake made by the advisory board of parole and pardons, Dr. Smith's relatives and friends feared that he would have to spend Christmas in prison. Dr. Smith's son, Dr. H. R. Smith of South Framingham, was at the prison today to greet his father upon his delivery.

Dr. Smith was sentenced to serve from five to seven years. The advisory board of parole and pardons recommended that his sentence be reduced. Lieut. Gov. Barry said that the pardons committee of the governor's council asked the board when Dr. Smith began to serve his sentence and was informed that June 21, 1912, was the date.

The council then voted to reduce the sentence to 3½ years. Lieut. Gov. Barry said that this vote was taken with the understanding that Dr. Smith, having served two-thirds of the 3½ years sentence, could be liberated before Christmas.

Mr. Barry said that the records show that Dr. Smith did not begin to serve his sentence until March 1, 1913, nine months after the date named by the advisory board of paroles and pardons.

The board then recommended that Dr. Smith be granted an absolute pardon and today the committee on pardons took favorable action on the recommendation.

AT "ALTAR OF HEAVEN"

PRES. YUAN SHI KAI OF CHINA REVIVED WORSHIP AT WINTER SOLSTICE

PEKING, Dec. 23.—President Yuan Shi Kai at sunrise today appeared before the "altar of heaven" and revived the worship of heaven at the winter solstice, an observation neglected since the passing of the Manchu dynasty. In this the president of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always have been reserved to the emperor of China in his capacity of "Tien Tsz," or "son of heaven."

The president today worshipped at the famous circular altar, the most important of all Chinese religious structures. It is located in a sacred park, three miles from the palace of the emperors and is surrounded by sacred buildings. This altar formerly was regarded in China as the center of the universe.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

PALACE BURNED

Enormous Loss Caused by Fire in Palace of the Kutuktu

LONDON, Dec 24.—A despatch received here from Urga, Mongolia, relates that the interior of the palace of the Kutuktu, or the deified lama of the Mongols, with all its priceless treasures, has been destroyed by fire. The loss entailed is said to be enormous.

The wealth of the Kutuktu, derived from the contributions of enthusiastic devotees, is described as very great. In and about Urga he owns 150,000 slaves, an abundance of worldly goods and the most pretentious palace in Mongolia.

EXPERIENCE OF NOBLE WOMEN IN EUROPE

The horrible experiences that many noble women in Europe have endured during past few months can never be all told. Here in America many women, both young and old, have experienced much misery and suffering.

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RUSH AT POSTOFFICE

FULLY 5000 PACKAGES DELIVERED TODAY—BIG FORCE AT WORK

The Christmas rush at the Lowell postoffice is at its height today and packages of all sizes and descriptions are being received and dispatched while letters and postcards, mostly the latter, are being handled by the thousands. The parcel post business is even greater than was expected and almost twice as many packages are being delivered as was the case last year.

Four automobile trucks and five wagons are being utilized today delivering parcels to all parts of the city and it is believed that over 5000 packages will have been delivered when the office closes this evening. This number is a great increase over any year in the history of the office and the efficiency of the employes in handling the mail will undoubtedly establish a record this year.

Postmaster Crowley has employed every man eligible to do the work that he could secure and every inch of space at the postoffice is being used. It is believed that the rush will continue well into tomorrow afternoon.

Deliveries of parcel post will be made on Christmas day and the mail deliveries will also be made for the benefit of those who mailed their Christmas matter late.

If anyone wishes to insure a more speedy delivery of a parcel post package he can put a special delivery stamp on it the same as on a letter or first class mail and have it sent out with the same rapidity as the first class mail.

DROWNED IN FLOODS

SEVERAL HUNDRED HEAD OF CATTLE PERISHED—HEAVIEST RAINS IN HISTORY OF ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Several hundred head of cattle were drowned last night in floods caused by the heaviest rains in the history of this section of Arizona.

VETERAN BALL PLAYER

PHIL POWERS WHO, BARE-HANDED, CAUGHT FOR SPEEDY PITCHERS, IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Phil Powers who, bare-handed, caught for some of the speediest pitchers in the old National baseball league, died here today, aged 62. Powers was a gilt-edged catcher for the old Mutuals of New York and later became a catcher for the Cincinnati Nationals, which he joined in 1876. After his retirement from active playing, he umpired in the National league until 1893.

GERMAN VICTORIES CLAIMED

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—That the attacks launched yesterday by the allies in Belgium were easily repulsed by the Germans; that the French troops are showing greater activity in the vicinity of Camp De Chalons and that the French movement in the vicinity of Sillerie, Rheims, Souain and Perthes have been partly repelled were the features of the announcement issued today by the German army headquarters.

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FOR EDUCATION

Western States Favored Above Others in Donations of $10,582,591

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Western states have been favored slightly above eastern and middle Atlantic states in the general education board's donations of $10,582,591 to the cause of education, according to a fourth installment of the board's report, made public today.

To western states, the report sets forth there has been given outright $3,967,781; to eastern and middle Atlantic states the sum given outright was $3,562,185; southern states received outright $3,052,625.

Following are the donations made to educational institutions in New England states:

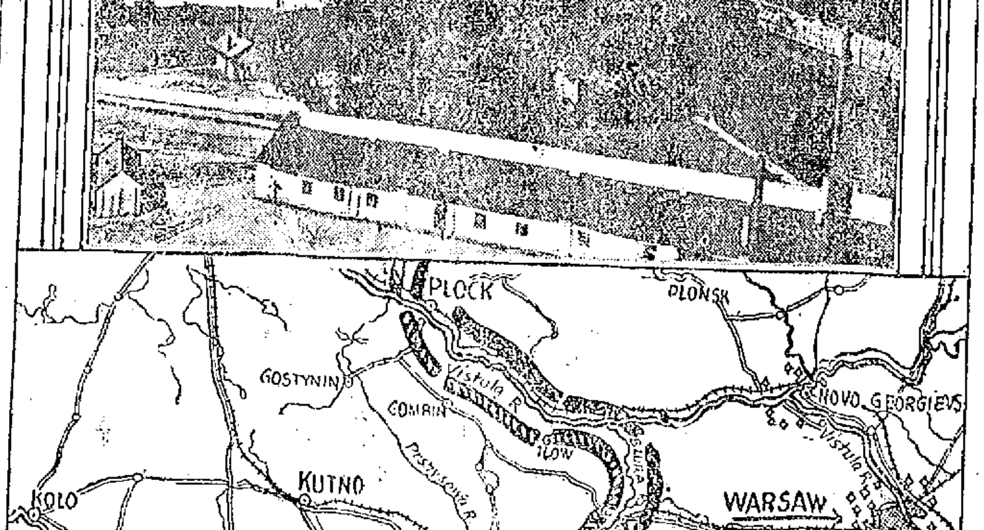
Maine, $50,000; Vermont, 150,000; Massachusetts, $760,000; Connecticut, $400,000; Rhode Island, $150,000.

ARE HELD WITHOUT BAIL

GAUTHIER AND VADENAIS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE OF KILLING JOS. S. GOLDBERG

WORCESTER, Dec. 23.—Henry Gauthier, 25, and Felix Vadenais, Jr., 19 years old, were arraigned in district court today on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Joseph S. Goldberg in Manchaug, Monday night. Both pleaded not guilty, and the case was continued until Jan. 6, at the request of the government. The men were remanded to jail without bail.

GERMANS NEAR WARSAW, WHERE RUSSIANS PREPARE TO FIGHT BIG BATTLE OF EAST



GENERAL VIEW OF WARSAW AND VISTULA RIVER. MAP OF BATTLE LINE IN FRONT OF WARSAW

An official dispatch from Petrograd reported that the German armies had advanced in Poland to the Bzura river. They were evidently moving on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilica, occupying Lowicz. The Russians retired across the Bzura river, destroying the bridges as they went. Further south, according to a Berlin report, the Russians prepared strong positions near Rawa and the Nida. The map shows the approximate battle line when the Germans were within fifteen miles of Warsaw and when German airships were dropping bombs on that city. A general view of Warsaw, showing the Vistula river, is here seen.

THE TREATY OF GHENT

Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Signing Called Off on Account of the War

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Had the European war not interefered, there would begin tomorrow night in Ghent, Flanders, a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent by representatives of the United States and Great Britain. The burgomaster of Ghent was to have tendered a banquet to 50 American, 50 English and 50 Canadian delegates in the hall where the treaty was signed.

Later, Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of George Washington in England, was to have been presented to the American people by the British peace centenary committee. The home already has been purchased. It probably will be rehabilitated and presented later.

Believing despite the war the anniversary should not pass unobserved in the United States, a number of widely known citizens of this country who are interested in the movement issued a communication asking that the day be remembered and celebrated at specified dates beginning Feb. 11. The communication follows:

"One hundred years ago today there was signed at Ghent in Flanders the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, which marked the close of what has happily proved to be the last war between English-speaking peoples of the earth. Today the city of Ghent is at the very center of the terrible conflict that rages in Europe.

"The American peace centenary committee cannot permit this anniversary to pass without inviting the thoughtful attention of their fellow citizens to the contrast presented by the century long period of peace which English-speaking peoples have enjoyed among themselves on the one hand, and the appalling destruction of life, property and great monuments of civilization which the European war involves on the other. It had been our confident hope that the example which the English speaking peoples have set in their relations with each other would be followed by the other great nations of the earth in their several international relations. It had been our earnest desire that the spirit of peaceful and friendly co-operation which each of these peoples manifest toward the people of the United States would also mark their dealings with one another. Unfortunately this was not to be, and we are sorrowfully called upon to mark our centenary celebration in the midst of the most terrible and destructive war that history records.

"Even at such a time, we must avow once more our emphatic faith in the supremacy of justice over force, of law over might. We rejoice in the peaceful relations of a hundred years among all English-speaking peoples, and particularly in the undefended and unfortified line nearly 4000 miles in length, which divides the territory of the United States from that of the Dominion of Canada. The mutual trust, forbearance and helpfulness which make that undefended boundary a link and not a barrier between two peoples, we offer as an example to our warring brothers across the sea.

"It had been our purpose, when our committee was organized in 1910, to plan for a great celebration of the centenary anniversary by various methods which have now, because of the terrible war which is still convulsing Europe and disturbing the whole world become impracticable until the close of the conflict.

"But we appeal to the people in all the states and to all civic bodies to mark this notable anniversary by suitable exercises in churches of all denominations on the 14th of February the date agreed upon for that purpose with our associate, the Canadian committee; by formal addresses at the capitals of the respective states on the 17th and 18th of February, the dates of the ratification and proclamation of the treaty; and also by appropriate exercises in all the schools on the 22d day of February, or on such later date or dates in the spring of 1915 as may be locally deemed preferable.

"By which all the children of America should be instructed on the significance of this great event, and of the happy prospect which is assured to us in spite of this horrible war, of another century of continued peace between all the English-speaking peoples of the world."

The signers were: Joseph H. Choate, chairman, New York; William Howard Taft, New Haven; Thomas F. Bayard, Wilmington; George W. Burleigh, New York; Nicholas Murray Butler, New York; William A. Clark, New York; John D. Crimmins, New York; William Curtis Demorest, New York; Henry S. Drinker, South Bethlehem; J. Taylor Ellyson, Richmond; John H. Finlay, Albany; Austen G. Fox, New York; Albert Eugene Gallatin, New York; James Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore; Samuel Gompers, Washington, D. C.; W. O. Hart, New Orleans; Job E. Hedges, New York; Andrew B. Humphrey, New York; Harry Pratt Judson, Chicago; Theodore Marburg, Baltimore; Henry C. Morris, Chicago; Robert C. Morris, New York; Alton B. Parker, New York; Elihu Root, Washington, D. C.; Francis Lynde Stetson, New York; John A. Stewart, New York; Oscar S. Straus, New York; and Frank S. Streeter, Concord.

Plans for the celebration were directed in this country by the American peace centenary committee, which has headquarters here.

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Pure Lard ....12½c lb.	Best Mixed Nuts.......15c lb.
Currants ....10c pkg.	Raisins ....10c pkg.
Best Cheese.......20c lb.	Prunes.......7c, 10c, 12c lb.

5 Stamps Free with 1 lb. Iona Coffee 25c
20 Stamps Free with 1 lb. Sultana Coffee 30c
25 Stamps Free with 1 lb. Ambosa Coffee 32c
30 Stamps Free with 1 lb. El Ryad Coffee 35c

10 Stamps Free with any of the following 10

1 can Sultana Spice.......10c
1 pkg. Macaroni or Spaghetti..10c
1 cake Dairy Milk Chocolate...10c
1 can Lunch Cocoa.......10c
1 can A&P Corn Syrup.......10c
1 can Kleen Sweep.......10c
1 pkg. A&P Ice Cream or Jelly Powder.......10c
1 bot. Liquid Blue.......10c
1 pkg. Norub.......10c
1 bot. A&P Catsup.......18c
1 bot. Mason Jar Mustard.......10c
1 bot. Onion Salad.......10c
1 bot. Witch Hazel.......10c

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THE SPELLBINDER

Said a lawyer to me yesterday: "I ppose you noticed the large number claims that the municipal council, ith two members of the bar among membership, and a city solicitor the side, voted to settle?"

When I replied affirmatively, he reneked: "Did it occur to you that it ould be interesting to know how any of those claims could be colcted in court if the claimants had ought action against the city? From at I read of those claims in the wspaper reports I should say that ite a few of them would be verdicts r the defendant."

Brief Inaugural

Mayor Murphy has stated that his augural address will be brief while e other members will make no adesses. There is little if any necesty for an inaugural address on the rt of any of the members, particurly those who as yet have not held fice. In many of the cities in which e commission form of government in vogue the new members are orn in by the city clerk at the st meeting of the new year and are signed to their respective departents after which the council gets ght down to business without frills ceremony, and such is the spirit the charter. There is a possibility at we may be treated to a valedicry at the closing meeting of the resent year.

And Still They Come

And still the offers of "square ands" at $50 per copy come pouring to the purchasing agent and the hool department. One of the latest sues from way up in New Hampire where a lady has a $1250 roseood piano that she will turn over to e city for $50. Talk about a barin! I notice in the papers the atement that Purchasing Agent oye will be guided in making his rchases by an expert who was forerly employed by Chickering & Co., once celebrated firm of piano and gan manufacturers of Boston. He ould also get the assistance of ave Zizkind and John P. Quinn, who e experts respectively on junk and ndling wood.

Auto Dealers Peeved

It is said that some of the auto alers are considerably peeved over e manner in which the administraon has acted in making its purchases automobiles. Purchasing autos for e city departments reminds one of e old days of smooth paving. Anally some one would make a motion pave one or more streets with mooth paving" and then there would olow a battle-royal over the kind smooth paving to be laid, with the ual junkets, fights, accusations and her features of municipal indoor orts.

If the machine purchased for the ief of the fire department last year as all right why should a new one needed this year? If another blunr be made this year will it mean nother automobile for the chief of e fire department next year?

Firemen's Christmas Gift

Everybody in Lowell, and that inudes Park Commissioner Henry arr, will land the fire laddies for eir generous Christmas gift to the oor of Lowell. It was a thoughtful et and will go a long way toward creasing the general popularity of e fire department as a body. With fund of $162 the firemen provided ood substantial dinners for 116 poor milies, making glad the hearts of robably five times that number of dividuals, at least, for it seems to e the dispensation of Providence that oor families are generally large famies. The city of Lowell which has a reater responsibility relative to the oor of the city than any single deartment thereof, having saved about 00 of its appropriation for band oncerts rather than allow this money o be returned to the general treasury s about to spend it on a Christmas ve celebration in the open air, toight, the program of which will conist of a Christmas tree, electrically ghted, a band concert, and the singng of Christmas carols for the benet of those who have sufficient clothng to make it possible for them to tand in the night air for a couple of ours without endangering their ealth. If the firemen can make 116 oor families happy on $162, what a reat amount of good the municipal ouncil might have done by spending hat $400 in similar manner. Both aily papers called attention early in he week to the large number of apeals for aid that were made to Mayor Murphy. The Sun quoted His Honor as saying that Monday was the worst day he has had since taking office, for such appeals. It has been ordained that the poor shall be always with us, and likewise that it is more blessed to give than to receive; therefore, when the municipal council or private individuals have any money for which they have no particular use, why not use it to make some poor souls happy instead of wasting it in hollow ostentation?

The Boston Idea

In Boston last year, a Christmas tree celebration was held on Boston common, which cost the city $3,000. This year, however, Mayor Curley wisely believing that Christmas carols and an empty Christmas tree were not very effective aids to digestion, or conquerors of hunger, declined to have a similar celebration but instead held a charity ball for the benefit of the poor of the city which netted $12,000, that will be spent to feed and clothe the worthy poor. Quite a difference from what the poor are getting from the city in Lowell.

A Word of Advice

Do your Christmas shopping early but if you can't do it early, at least do it before you go to the South common tonight, and then if you have any money left, either pin it in your pocket or deposit it in your stocking, as the case may be, where it will be safe, for you know the reputation of the South common at night, for lawlessness and inadequate police protection. Complaints galore have come from the Highland and Thorndike street sides of the South common, where there have been shooting affrays and women held up, robbed and assaulted. Now comes a complaint from the Summer street side where, it is said one or more unknown men have been terrorizing the neighborhood by entering the yards, removing the week's washing from the line and peeping it on the front piazzas, peering into windows and frightening women. A few evenings ago a woman residing in Summer street, hearing a noise on her piazza, went to the door to find a man there who after addressing an insulting remark to her made his escape in the darkness.

The Poor Police

A lady residing in Centralville who has written The Spellbinder an interesting letter on her impression of local conditions, says among other things, the following:

"As for the police: No sporting club ever was gayer than the police on duty at the northern end of Centralville bridge, and everybody there is afraid to complain. People who have occupied houses in lower First street for nearly forty years are actually afraid to complain and remain awake or are awakened over and over again each night by the 12.30 squad coming on, and talking as if at grand opera trying to be heard above the music. Again at 1 o'clock while the first shift gathers and plays while waiting for 1.15, when they march over the bridge to report; then—the mob that lives in Centralville stamps across at 1.45—never less than 15, and all talking as if miles from civilization. When they reach First street they yell at the officers on duty and there is a great pow-wow of confidences. I am so tired of listening to policemen's secrets and opinions that I am almost willing to enter the complaint myself."

As one who has the more or less enviable reputation of having attained a certain degree of proficiency in the art of "hammer-throwing," I stand uncovered, while contemplating the above, and venture the opinion that for scientific and finished "without limit or reserve" hammer-throwing, commend me to a woman. I would suggest as a remedy that the lady in question take notes on those exchanges of confidence and submit them to "The Spellbinder" for publication. Undoubtedly the desired effect will be obtained after one publication while incidentally the public might get a little "inside" information relative to the police department.

Or did you ever try sticking your fair head out of the window and crying at the top of your musical lungs: "Help, Murder, Police!" But by the time the "mob" had hoofed it back to headquarters and had returned with the inspectors who handle all of the more intricate mysteries, you'd be sound asleep.

Mayoralty Candidates

It is rumored that as the "Heavenly Twins" Messrs. Jewett and Achin have played the game together since they entered politics, Rep. Achin will be a candidate for mayor, while friends of Rep. Jewett state that he will also be a candidate. Rep. Achin's friends take it for granted that there is to be a French-American candidate for mayor next year and as Henri on each occasion that he has run for office has shown the necessary strength, and as a representative has shown that strength in three of the nine wards, while upon the only occasion of Dr. Mignault's candidacy for elective office he has not shown the necessary strength to secure even a nomination, they consider that Mr. Achin will be the stronger of the two before the public and hence consider him the "logical" French-American candidate.

The contest between Achin and Jewett should be a very interesting and friendly one. But neither gentleman has made any personal declaration of intention in the matter.

Belvidere Associates

When a number of young men residing in Belvidere organized a social club with headquarters in East Merrimack street and hung out a transparency booming two of their members who were candidates for municipal office, they were dubbed a political club, and the opinion was freely expressed that election day would put the club out of existence. Election day came, however, without bringing success to the two club members who were candidates, but the club instead of going out of existence as was predicted, turned its attention to helping the worthy poor of Belvidere, thereby setting a worthy example to all other similar organizations, and distributed shoes, stockings and clothing to some 30 or 40 poor families. Pretty good business for an alleged "fly-by-night" political club.

As Tiny Tim once remarked: "God bless us; everyone," and that includes the municipal council.

THE SPELLBINDER.

Brownies, Asso., Christmas eve.

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

The Massic and mills will probably commence operations on Monday.

Hang up your stocking tonight, and be sure it's a big one.

Business in the stores is reported very good, better than they had hoped for.

A Merry Christmas and most prosperous New Year to every man, woman and child in the city!

Fred Smith of the Spaulding Shoe Co. will spend Christmas with relatives in Boston.

Henry Lowell of the American Hide & Leather Co. has returned from a visit to relatives in Cambridge, Mass.

Thomas Conley of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. is much pleased with the present from Nashua, N. H.

Kempton, the City League champ jumped into first place in the individual standing this week.

Frank McCarthy is home again in time for the annual Christmas tree celebration. Frank also has another event to ponder over.

Frank Gookin, a prominent Lowell boy employed at his trade as a plumber, in Boston, is home for the holidays.

Paul McCaffrey of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. won in his bowling match over Leo Hindle of the Tremont & Suffolk mills.

Shedd park was flooded yesterday and skating will in all probability be enjoyed by hundreds of lovers of the winter sport tomorrow.

The Painters union will meet tonight in Carpenters hall. The Machinists union will convene in Cotton Spinners hall, 22 Middle street.

The Tremont & Suffolk mills have not received the large blanket order as yet, although it is expected at any time.

John Mulligan of the Boott mills rolled the remarkable three string total of 347 at a local alley last evening. It would be well for some of the City league teams to look him up.

Organizer Daniel E. Whalen of the Boot & Shoe Workers' union left today for Brockton where he will spend Christmas with his family. He'll be back at work on Saturday.

Fred Gillis of the Field Lumbert Shoe Co. is the acknowledged card champ at the Y. M. C. I. winning the title from Ed. Leonard in a series of games last night.

Diamond rings were numerous among the presents received by the young ladies employed in the local industries, and some of them took much pride in exhibiting them.

Business at the stores picked up remarkably in the past few days and the clerks were kept pretty busy. Christmas shopping has been later than usual this year, and today the rush was on in earnest.

The plant of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. closed down tonight for a period of ten days. This time will be given over to the annual stocktaking, after which everything is expected to go along prosperously.

William H. Harrington, a prominent Lowell boy employed in Manchester, N. H., will arrive in this city late tonight. "Bill" will have charge of the annual Christmas tree celebration at the Y. M. C. I. tomorrow afternoon.

Shoe Foreman Remembered

Foreman Sullivan of the mashing department at the Barry Shoe Co. was presented an umbrella and a box of cigars by his employes yesterday. Overseer Thayer of the stitching room received a smoking jacket and slippers to match, and Overseer Mulcahey of the cutting department was the recipient of a beautiful gas lamp. J. W. Barry, the owner, President Griffin and Superintendent White each received a smoking jacket, the gifts coming from the foremen. This afternoon work was suspended, and the employes held forth in a Christmas party.

Carpenters Union

The Carpenters union, local 1610, held a lengthy business session in the union quarters last evening and business of considerable importance was transacted. Several applications for membership were received and referred over to the investigating committee, who will report on them at the next regular meeting. It was suggested that a joint open meeting be held next Tuesday night, and further arrangements were made at the meeting of the joint council which followed. Local 49 will unite with Local 1610 in making the meeting a grand success. Every carpenter in the city, whether union or nonunion, is invited to attend this meeting. William J. Shields of Jamaica Plain, general organizer for the Carpenters union, will be one of the speakers, as will Organizer Millette of Worcester.

Lowell's Mills Booming

Lowell's mills on every hand are beginning to derive the benefits of the great European war, and indications point to every mill in the city running to capacity after the first of the year. In some of the mills already looms that have been idle for years have been started up and many new names have been added to the payrolls. This is encouraging in view of the fact that mills in other textile centres have felt little or no effect of the boom as yet. With the winter upon us the armies of Europe will have to be clothed and provided with other necessities of life, and this business will come to this country. The heads of mills in all textile centres are optimistic and predict unprecedented prosperity for this country.

Although the shoe business in this city is not booming, better times are promised and this part of the city's industrial life will share in the coming prosperity. One shoe concern is at present making samples for army shoes, and a large government order is expected at any time.

Brownies, Associate hall, tonight.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY 4—BUSINESS, HOWEVER, TO BE RESTRICTED

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It was officially announced last evening that the London Stock Exchange will reopen Jan. 4.

The conduct of business, however, will be restricted by stringent regulations imposed by the treasury in the interest of the nation. The exchange has been closed since the outbreak of the war.

The regulations under which the exchange will operate will include the following:

Dealings except for cash will be prohibited: the present minimum price lists are to be maintained and extended to all transactions recorded; a broker at the time of selling securities must show that he possesses or controls them; no dealings in new issues will be allowed unless approved by the treasury; no member will be allowed to bid for or offer stock openly in the market; no member will be permitted to negotiate the purchase or sale "of shares dealt in on the American market at a less price than the English equivalent of the New York closing price of the 30th of July"; only British-born or naturalized members or clerks will be admitted to the exchange.

Best ever, Associate hall, Dec. 24.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN VESTRY

The Christmas trees in the vestry of the Kirk Street church proved a great attraction yesterday afternoon. There were two large trees hung with gifts and decorated with tiny incandescent lamps. Clarence W. Hoyt substituted for Santa Claus and he looked enough like Santa to be his brother. Before Santa put in an appearance the little audience present was entertained by the Ruggles scene from the Birds' Christmas Carol. Mrs. Murray H. ... was the mother and her children were cleverly represented by Helen Carley, Doris Carey, Jack Harvey, Helena Marriott, Everett Whipple, Marce Pratt, Clarence Marriott, Ethelyn ... and Thurlow MacBrayne.

Some time tonight, Associate, the Brownies will be there.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

NASHUA WILL CONTEST

ARREST OF RANDOLPH W. FARLEY AND ATTACHMENT OF HIS PROPERTY

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 24.—The arrest in a civic process of Randolph W. Farley and the attachment of his property in $5000 added another chapter to the mystery of the will of Frederick Kelsey, former superintendent of schools. The complainants are Fred M. Barnard of Manchester and Bernice I. Plummer of Goffstown who were among the beneficiaries named in the alleged will of Kelsey, which the probate court last Wednesday refused to allow. They claim in the papers filed in the suit that Farley wrote a document purporting to be Kelsey's will, knowing it to be fraudulent, and by so doing put them to great expense.

Farley was a neighbor of Kelsey's. The alleged will, which was disallowed, was found behind a bookcase in Kelsey's home after a long search. It purported to dispose of an estate of $126,000, giving a third to the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, one-third to Bernice I. Plummer, and the remainder, with the exception of $10,000 to the Congregational church, to Kelsey's half-nephews, George and Fred Barnard, his heirs-at-law. Farley was given a few old coins and other relics by the will. By the action of the probate court the estate reverts to the heirs-at-law.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

HOBSON FOR PRESIDENT

HE BRUSHES THE IDEA ASIDE, —DECLARES PROHIBITION WILL BE A NATIONAL ISSUE IN 1916

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Probably the most chipper survivor of the prohibition fracas is Representative Hobson, whose defeat was softened yesterday by almost a dozen nominations for the presidency, in person, by wire and by mail. Some urged him to run on the democratic ticket, some on the prohibition, and some at the head of a composite ballot.

Although he felt complimented by the suggestion, Capt. Hobson brushed the idea aside and declared he had not been looking for political preferment through his fight, but had been working for a principal. He declared that the prohibition fight had just started and would be made a national issue in 1916.

Good time at Brownies, Asso. hall.

MUNICIPAL XMAS TREE TONIGHT

The municipal Christmas tree, a graceful hemlock, 40 feet in height, will be the centre of attraction at the South common this evening. The tree will be beautifully illuminated with myriads of incandescent lights and surmounted with a dazzling star. The switch will be turned on at 7 o'clock this evening and the illumination will follow. The monster Christmas tree will not hold any Christmas presents, but it will be very beautiful to look upon. A great circle of powerful arc lamps will surround the tree. The exercises will not begin until 10.35 o'clock. The first number on the program will be a selection by the band of 40 pieces, directed by William Regan. After 11 o'clock the male choir, under the direction of Alex. Williams, chorister at St. Anne's Episcopal church, will sing Christmas carols. The choir will be accompanied by the band and all those who will be there and who know the carols are invited to sing them. Leaflets holding the words will be distributed. The exercises will close after midnight with a selection by the band.

Best ever, Associate hall, tonight.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS TREE TONIGHT AT THE COMPANY'S QUARTERS IN APPLETON STREET

The 80 telephone operators employed at the local exchange will hold a Christmas tree celebration in the company's building on Appleton street tonight. The tree, handsomely decorated with lights and filled with gifts, will be placed in the recreation room which has been specially arranged for the occasion. The affair is only for the operators, and they will forget their troubles at the switchboard and show a real Christmas spirit. It is said that one of the girls is to take the part of Santa Claus and distribute the gifts which the young women will make to each other. An entertainment will be furnished and dainty refreshments will be served.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS

OHIO BREWERY CONCERN BLAMES DECREASED DEMAND, "DRY" VOTES AND ADVERSE LEGISLATION

COLUMBUS, Dec. 24.—The Hoster-Columbus Breweries company, a $12,000,000 corporation, went into the hands of receivers yesterday on order of the United States district court. "Decreased demand for beer, adverse legislation and the voting 'dry' of many states and counties in the last eight years" was given as the cause.

The appointment of receivers was made on a showing that the company had defaulted payment upon a judgment of $5518. The court named C. Christian Born and Carl J. Hoster, large stockholders, as receivers.

The company had $4,...,000 outstanding capital stock and $1,893,000 outstanding bonds. Most stocks and bonds were secured by mortgage on property in Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New Jersey.

In its statement the company declared the voting dry of West Virginia was "the last straw" in a serious of legislative acts which reduced seriously the sale of its product. Increase of the saloon license fee to $1000 by the Ohio legislature eight years ago, a county local option law and the more recent license system by which the number of saloons was greatly cut down were mentioned as other causes.

Miner's at Associate hall, tonight.

ONLY 18 BELOW AT DOVER, N. H.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 24.—Yesterday was the coldest day of the season here. The thermometer registered from 5 to 19 below zero.

SLEEPYTIME TALES

BY VIRGINIA VALE

FOR THE LITTLE READERS OF THE SUN

TOM'S ADVENTURE

Once upon a time, when there was snow on the ground, two boys named Ned and Jack lived in the country and at Christmas they were given presents of air guns which they were very anxious to try on real game.

Ned's father said Christmas morning after breakfast: "Why don't you go out in the woods and see if you cannot get us a rabbit for a stew tonight."

Of course he was joking, as air guns would not be strong enough to kill rabbits, so father thought.

The boys started off with their guns over their shoulders and were very sure that they would bring home not one but several rabbits. They found a lot of tracks in the snow in the woods which they thought must be rabbit tracks and one track that looked very big even for a large rabbit made them decide to follow it, for they thought it might even be a bear and such mighty hunters as they would not be afraid of a bear you may be sure.

Suddenly they heard a noise behind some bushes and they began to be a little nervous and shaky for they thought: "What if it should really and truly be a bear!"

Just as they decided that they must be brave, and had raised their guns to fire into the brush, there was a terrible noise, the bushes split apart and bounding toward them came old "Tom," Jack's big Newfoundland dog.

They were frightened at first, but oh what a relief when they realized that it was not a bear but their old friend Tom. It was his tracks they had followed and not those of a bear; not even a rabbit.

They had had enough of rabbit shooting, however, and gladly romped home with "Tom" to tell Father what a narrow escape they had had from perhaps wounding their old friend. They decided, too, that it would be wicked to shoot the poor little rabbits and that they would shoot only at a target thereafter.

SITUATIONS WANTED

YOUNG LADY WISHES POSITION, first class waitress or any neat work. Capable, honest and trustworthy; very best of references. Address E 38, Sun Office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COTTAGE HOUSE FOR SALE: SIX rooms, electric light, bath, hot and cold water, hardwood polished floors, quartered oak front room and hall. See owner, 17 Humphrey st.

LOST AND FOUND

THREE GREEN TRADING STAMP books lost between postoffice and 11 Beverly st., by way of Appleton and Westford sts. Finder return to 11 Barclay st. for reward.

SMALL POCKETBOOK LOST MONDAY afternoon between Kennedy's lunch, cor. Merrimack st. and cor. Salem and ... sts., containing sum of money. Reward for return to Coffey Bros., Suffolk st.

TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK

Large or small deposits bought. Write Hallis N. Smith, 56 Weybosset st., Providence, R. I.

PROF. EHRLICH'S "606" SALVARSAN

Administered in the veins at Dr. Temple's Lowell office. NO LOSS OF TIME from business. NO PAIN. Lues, malaria, locomotor ataxia, and various forms of skin disease arising from blood poison.

This solves the problem of the centuries and rids the world of the WORST SCOURGE that the human race has known. RESULTS IMMEDIATE. Wasserman blood tests made. Also treats cancers, tumors, all acute and chronic blood and nervous diseases of men and women, hydrocele, varicocele, stricture, prostatic diseases, piles, fistula, fissures, ulcers and rectal diseases, WITHOUT THE USE OF THE KNIFE. Diseases of the eye, ear, nose, throat, skin, stomach, liver, kidneys, bladder, bowels and rectum, epilepsy, and all nervous diseases.

Terms always made to suit the convenience of anyone applying for treatment and very reasonable charges. Do not treat elsewhere until you have investigated methods and terms. Lowell office, 97 Central street, Mansur block. Hours: Wednesday, 2 to 4, 7 to 8, Sundays, 10 to 12.

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Steam dyeing and cleaning of ladies' and gents' wearing apparel. 30 years in the business.

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TO LET

GOOD LOFT NEAR DEPOT ON Middlesex st. to let for light manufacturing or painting, carpenter shop. Martin Hoctins & Son, 223 Hildreth building.

SUNNY SIX-ROOM TENEMENT TO let at No. Billerica; steam heat; ten minutes, walking to mills and depot. J. ..., Billerica ave., No. Billerica.

NEW MODERN LODGING HOUSE, light housekeeping, at 111 Worthen st.

FIVE-ROOM FLAT TO LET, HOT and cold water, hardwood floors, cement cellar. Inquire 17 South Highland st., or ...

FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED rooms ... or ensuite at 222 and 224 Worthen st.

UPSTAIRS FIVE-ROOM TENEMENT to let ... 228 Westford st.

WANTED—DOWNSTAIRS 5-ROOM flat, ... bath, set tubs, etc. 471 School st. Tel. 2371-R.

STORE AND TENEMENT TO LET at 251 ... st. Inquire at 6 Eaton's court, ...

LARGE STORE TO LET AT 55 GORham st. Good business stand; terms reasonable. Apply 52 Gorham st.

VERY DESIRABLE 4-ROOM TENEment for ... street; toilet on floor; easily run furnace; no pipe stacking or dogs. Kindest of treatment under me; nice for two or three ladies. See it today. George E. Brown, 79 Chestnut st.

HOUSE OF 11 LARGE ROOMS TO let at 78 East Merrimack st.; modern conveniences. Inquire 18 Franklin st. Tel. 1858-W.

A BAKERY TO LET AT 57 BRANCH street; $12.00 per month; store $15.00 per month. Inquire 167 Stevens st., mornings or evenings. Tel. 3515-R.

COLUMBIA HALL TO LET, DANCES, meetings, etc. Inquire Janitor, 108 Middle st.

NEW MODERN COTTAGE IN DRACUT Centre, to let; also clean, bright tenement near Gorham st., for small family. Dr. Wesley Sawyer.

PLEASANT SUNNY ROOMS TO LET; steam heat, electric light, bath. Apply 5 Webster st.

FIVE ROOM FLAT TO LET, 17 Waugh st.; steam heat, electric light and all modern improvements. Inquire Farrell & Conaton, 243 Dutton st.

THE OFFICES OCCUPIED FOR many years by Dr. Carolin, to let, in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank building. Inquire at bank.

EIGHT-ROOM FLAT TO LET WITH all modern conveniences; opposite Fort Hill Park. Apply 469 High st., upper bell.

FOR RENT AT 990 MIDDLESEX ST., house of 9 rooms; stable if wanted; new furnace. Inquire 324 Market st.

STORE AT 55 APPLETON ST., TO let. Good show windows. Steam heat. Apply to E. T. Wilder, Traders National Bank.

STEAM HEATED ROOMS TO LET at 19 Hurd st.

TWO GOOD OFFICES IN THE HARrington building, 52 Central st., to let at a very low rental. If desired will be rented for rooming purposes. Apply to D. J. Harrington, Building Manager, 501 Sun building.

A LARGE OFFICE, 34 BY 14 FEET on the second floor of the Harrington building, 52 Central st., good light and ventilation, for rent. Will be partitioned off to suit a desirable tenant and will be rented or leased at a very reasonable rent. Apply to D. J. Harrington, Building Manager, 501 Sun building.

ROOM SUITABLE FOR BARBER shop or business office, to let; on second floor of the Harrington building, 52 Central st.

STORAGE FOR FURNITURE

Separate room $1 per month for regular $2 two-horse load. Pianos 50c. The dryest and cleanest place for storage in Lowell. Telephone connection. O. F. Prentiss, 355 Bridge st.

HELP WANTED

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED—CAN earn $1 to $50 a week writing moving picture plays, experience unnecessary. Particulars free. Dunne Publishing Co., 11 Rustin st., Worcester, Mass.

ONE PULLER OVER WANTED ON boys' floor. Apply Federal Shoe Co., Hix st.

FIRST CLASS CYLINDER VAMPERS wanted on men's Goodyear welt; none others need apply. Stover & Bean Co., Hood bldg.

CAPABLE WOMAN OF GOOD APpearance wanted for excellent position. Apply by letter, 8 Smith st.

TABLE GIRL WANTED AT 213 Dutton st. Apply at once.

HOW TO GET THE POSITION you want. How to get ahead of other applicants. How to locate in other cities. Send for circular describing little book. Lock Box 1957, Boston.

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A FACT—EVERYBODY CAN HAVE a piano if they buy it of W. F. Trumbell. He carries the best made, at the lowest figure and easy terms. 101 Westford st.

VIOLINIST—IRISH AND AMERICAN dance music for parties. Write E 37, Sun Office.

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THE SUN IN BOSTON—THE SUN IS on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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DECEMBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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KEY TO FIRE ALARM BOXES

1 All box numbers commencing with the figure one, as 12, 13, etc., up to 131 are located within a radius of about one-half mile from the North common, extending from Dutton street north to Pawtucket street and from School street east to Merrimack mills.

2 All box numbers commencing with two as 21, 23, etc., are located in the business area, about one-quarter mile radius from the post office, extending from Boott mills to South common and from Dutton street to Concord river.

3 All box numbers commencing with three are located in the lower Highlands, extending from the depot to Wilder street and from Hale street along the line of Western avenue and Pawtucket canal to Pawtucket street.

4 All box numbers commencing with four, are located in the Ayer's City and Bleachery districts, extending from Edson cemetery northerly to Hale street and from Chelmsford street easterly to Concord river.

5 All numbers commencing with five, are located in the upper Highlands and Middlesex Village.

6 All numbers commencing with six, are located in Centralville.

7 All numbers commencing with seven, are located in Pawtucketville.

8 All numbers commencing with eight, are located in Belvidere.

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Southern Div.

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
5.41	6.50	2.55	3.28
6.22	7.26	6.00	6.65
6.47	7.20	7.11	8.21
b6.49	7.33	7.50	8.35
6.57	8.00	a8.21	9.20
7.21	8.05	9.00	9.30
e7.28	8.49	9.35	10.[illegible]
7.53	8.32	11.35	12.20
8.53	9.37	12.20	1.09
b9.25	10.34	2.00	3.06
10.35	11.18	3.00	3.46
10.14	11.36	a3.41	5.00
11.04	11.15	4.00	4.38
12.15	1.15	s4.14	5.34
1.45	2.25	5.00	5.38
2.30	3.27	15.21	6.02
3.49	4.30	5.34	6.34
4.25	5.27	15.51	7.14
5.31	6.25	6.14	7.23
b6.17	7.22	8.00	8.38
6.22	7.05	8.15	9.08
8.05	8.50	10.30	11.30
9.46	10.30	11.25	12.35

Portland Div.

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
6.35	7.36	20.20	8.06
b7.53	8.45	9.13	10.20
9.32	10.33	10.50	11.53
10.37	12.??	11.50	12.55
12.02	1.13	3.30	4.49
1.27	2.40	5.14	6.12
3.49	4.41	6.03	7.05
6.15	6.41	7.00	8.15
7.25	8.25	9.50	11.03
10.25	11.38		

Sunday Trains

Southern Division

6.47	7.30	8.45	9.47
7.21	8.05	9.30	10.19
8.30	9.30	11.30	12.00
9.06	9.58	1.00	1.50
10.20	11.17	5.30	6.24
2.42	3.25	8.00	8.53
5.10	6.00	8.30	9.08
6.27	7.10	9.20	10.25
8.06	8.51	10.20	11.35
9.46	10.32		

Portland Division

8.20	9.27	8.00	9.18
12.10	1.36	12.00	1.00
5.50	5.00	3.20	4.46
6.45	7.00	6.20	6.36
8.55	10.04	8.45	9.49

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BELGIAN KING THANKS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS IN WEST FLANDERS, BELGIUM, Sunday, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 23.—In the council chamber of an ancient Flemish town hall, from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war-worn little army blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert of the Belgians today told the Associated Press of the stand his soldiers are making against the German invaders. The King's headquarters is located on one of the remaining dry areas of that small corner of Belgium left under his rule.

King Albert also requested the Associated Press to convey to the people of the United States his deep gratitude for their efforts to feed his subjects now under German military rule.

The monarch was alone when the correspondent was admitted to the council chamber, not even an aide being present. The king's tall, angular, Lincoln-like form was clothed in the simple undress uniform of a general of artillery, which was without insignia, beyond braided shoulder straps, to distinguish him from a staff officer.

Physically King Albert looks hardened, but lines of care show in his otherwise youthful face. In manner he is decidedly shy, and he apologized for his English, which, however, was very fluent. The light from a smoky oil lamp barely penetrated the recesses of the great beamed hall, from the walls of which empty picture frames stared down.

When the king saw the eyes of the correspondent fixed on these blank spaces, where a few months ago invaluable Flemish canvases hung, he smiled, and said he no longer expected the Germans to be in a position even to take the frames.

Soldiers His Children

Modestly he praised the courage of his soldiers, speaking of them with great kindness—as though he was talking about his children. "I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when tomorrow you shall have the chance to witness the peasants working in their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the loss of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief."

When Edgar Sengeor, Belgian attache to the American commission for the relief of Belgium, entered and presented King Albert with a report from the commission showing that enough food was in sight to feed his people until Feb. 12, the king turned quickly to the correspondent, saying: "Will you be kind enough to carry to the American people my deep gratitude."

He then wrote in English the following:

Message to Americans

"The magnificent generosity of the American people in forwarding immense quantities of gifts of foodstuffs to my suffering people affords me intense satisfaction and touches me very deeply.

"In this my country's hour of trial nothing has supported me more than the sympathy and the superb generosity of those who have assisted in materially lessening the same; and I desire to offer my deepest thanks and at the same time to convey a message of good will for the new year.

(Signed) "Albert,
"King of the Belgians."

King Albert was also anxious to have the American people know, as he put it, the facts of the story of how his troops, demoralized and disorganized by their disheartening retreat almost across the entire limits of their own country, turned at bay along the Yser and held back the Germans there at frightful cost in killed and wounded to their army, and of the most incalculable loss suffered in the deliberate inundation by its owners of the most valuable agricultural part of the country.

700 Killed in One Battle

"In one of those terrible nine days in the trenches along the Yser," the king said, "I know that 700 of our brave Belgian soldiers were killed outright." He continued:

"I believe that I am not claiming too much to say our army saved Dunkirk and Calais at the battle of the Yser."

The king spoke with the warmest affection for his soldiers now in the trenches, praising their good spirits. When the correspondent expressed a desire to see the Belgian soldiers actually in the trenches, he said:

"You may, but I cannot promise that this will be without risk. Mrs. Asquith expressed the same desire while she was visiting my wife a short time ago. When the party was taken to the second line of trenches a big German shell fell nearby, and it did not make our guests feel comfortable."

When the correspondent inquired as to the king's own safety King Albert replied:

"We must live under shell fire here."

Later inspection showed this remark to be literally true, as scarcely a square mile of Belgium left under the rule of her king is free from the danger of shell fire.

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LAWRENCE MAN'S BODY FOUND BURIED IN CELLAR

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Buried under six feet of earth in the cellar of a shack in the rear of 31 Columbia road, Wakefield, the body of Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jeweler who was last seen alive on Sunday, was found yesterday afternoon by Lawrence and Wakefield police.

Death was due, in the opinion of the medical examiner, to shots or stab wounds, probably the latter. Ten cuts, up and down the front of the body, apparently had been inflicted while Albertson was gagged and bound by a stout rope secured about his head.

Jewelry valued at about $2000, which he had brought with him to Wakefield to sell to a prospective "bridegroom," and cash estimated at between $85 and $100, were missing. The body was surrounded by sticks of dynamite that made digging perilous.

Soon after the body had been found, the police arrested Luigi Grassidonio, age 12, of 19 Hart street, Wakefield, a shoemaker formerly employed by Albertson, on the charge of murder. Grassidonio is said to have been one of the four men who last week asked Albertson to come to Wakefield from Lawrence for the purpose of exhibiting his jewelry.

Seeking a Fourth Man

Two others, Joseph and Gaetano Jambressi, age 23 and 22, of 26 Water street, Wakefield, both stone masons, were locked up as suspicious persons in connection with Albertson's death. The three now under arrest will be arraigned before Judge Bruce in the Malden district court today.

Following information given the police last night by a woman living in the neighborhood, the Wakefield officers came to Boston and with the co-operation of local police began a search for Giagio Farzone, alleged to be the fourth member of the quartet that went to see Albertson in Lawrence.

The woman declares that the jeweler came to her on Sunday and asked if it were "Luigi's" house. When she said it was not, he departed and made straight for the shack where his body was found. Farzone is said to have occupied this little building until this week.

The man is described as 26 years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighing 145 pounds. He has a black moustache and dark hair, and was dressed when last seen in a blue suit and a greenish overcoat. No trace of him had been discovered in Boston up to an early hour this morning.

Albertson's body was found by a searching party consisting of Inspectors C. R. Vose and J. H. Mulhare of the Lawrence police, and Chief James J. Pollard and Patrolman Joseph Preston of Wakefield. The digging that unearthed the corpse was done by Preston.

From house to house the men traced Albertson's movements on Sunday. In most of the places the jeweler made collections on goods he had sold previously on the instalment plan.

At 34 Columbia road, in the heart of the section known as "Factory Field," Albertson had been told to call to show the wedding jewelry he expected to sell. The address apparently had been used as a blind, for the woman of the house who answered the door told him that she knew nothing about any jewelry and did not wish to purchase any.

There Albertson's trail was lost temporarily, and suspicion was directed to the shack in the rear. In the house there was no trace of Farzone, so attention was turned to the cellar.

Excavation Difficult

This basement, a shallow, scooped-out affair, hardly deep enough to admit a man in a kneeling posture, was reached through a trapdoor about two feet square. Patrolman Preston, armed with a shovel, climbed in, and worked part of the time kneeling, part of the time lying on his stomach.

He had to dig the place out to a depth of about two feet, and was about to give up when his shovel struck a piece of wood that apparently had been in the earth only a short time. With this clue he continued excavating, and at a depth of six feet came upon the body.

It was wrapped in a sheet. Across the mouth ran a short rope, fashioned into a sort of a lasso by an iron ring in one end that was secured tightly at the back of the head. Albertson evidently had been unable either to cry out or to make much struggle.

The wounds that caused his death had all been inflicted in the front part of his body, extending from the upper part of the abdomen to a point level with the heart. As long as he was conscious he probably could watch each stab as it was directed at some vital spot.

Scattered about the shallow cellar, many of them close to the body, were a number of sticks of dynamite and a quantity of discharged shotgun shells.

On the floor of the shack above stood a candle that had burned down to within two inches of the ground. The boards under it were saturated with oil, and it is the theory of the police that Albertson's murderers intended that the building should burn, ignite the dynamite and destroy all clues.

A single stick of the explosive, in addition to those in the cellar, was fastened to the trapdoor, close to the candle, by means of a quantity of twisted wire. The authorities think that the murderers were unfamiliar with dynamite and hoped it would explode rather than burn up.

The grave had been carelessly filled in and covered over, but because of its inaccessibility and the darkness in the cellar might have escaped detection for many weeks or months. Patrolman Preston had to exercise the greatest care not to explode the dynamite as he excavated.

FATHER GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE BOY'S LIFE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—If Edward Kaufman, the 13-year-old son of L. P. Kaufman of 1683 Beacon street, Brookline, recovers from the effects of a serious coasting accident in Brookline yesterday forenoon, it will undoubtedly be due to the self-sacrifice of his father, who yesterday afternoon went to the Peter Bent Brigham hospital on Huntington avenue, Roxbury, and submitted to an operation for blood transfusion on behalf of the boy.

The operation was regarded a success and may be the means of saving the boy's life. From the moment he arrived at the hospital in the early forenoon up to the time blood was transfused into his veins from those of his father, he bled incessantly, the surgeons being powerless to check the loss.

Mr. Kaufman underwent the operation about 4 o'clock. His son was then unconscious from the loss of blood. There was a noticeable improvement soon after the father's blood was transfused, and the lad became conscious. The physicians in charge reported that he was moderately comfortable late last night and that he was sleeping.

The boy was run over by the automobile of Philip M. Tucker of 163 Dean road, Brookline. The wheels passed over the lad's body, causing a severe injury to the liver and severe contusions of the head.

The boy was coasting on Dean road and, it is said, hitched his double runner to the rear of one of D. Whiting's milk wagons. As the wagon crossed Beacon street at Dean road the automobile came along and hit the double-runner, throwing Kaufman to the ground.

When seen at his home in Brookline last evening, Mr. Kaufman was reluctant to talk about the operation. He was in a very weak state, as the surgeons took a large quantity of blood from him.

Edward is a pupil of the Huntington school.

O'Sullivan Says:

TIME IS UP TODAY

Today is the last day you have to do your Christmas shopping, also the last day of the "give away a barrel of apples" with every purchase of $5.00 or over, at the Merrimack Clothing Company.

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Women's Bath Robes, $3.95 to $7.50
Women's Silk Petticoats, at $1.95 to $5.00
Women's Waists, at 95c to $5.00
Women's Sweaters, at $3.95 to $10.00
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DEATHS

KLISS—John Kliss, aged 38 years, 22 days, prominently known in business circles in this city, died yesterday at his home in Dracut after a lingering illness. He leaves, besides his wife, a daughter, Stephanie, and four sons, Joseph, Edward, Francis and John, Jr.

WILDE—Jacob Wilde died yesterday at his home, 1450 Gorham street, aged 77 years. He leaves, besides his wife, Elizabeth, three daughters, Mrs. Albert Dawson, Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell and Mrs. William Buckley; also two sons, Joseph L. and Thomas E.

BUTTERFIELD—Theodore Raymond Butterfield, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Butterfield, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 55 Jones street, Dracut, aged two years, four months and 11 days.

WHITTLE—Parker Whittle died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Susie Maker, 149 Corey street, aged 88 years and 29 days.

LINNEHAN—Michael Linnehan died last night at St. John's hospital after a brief illness, aged 41 years. He leaves, besides his wife, Fanny, four sons, John, Timothy, Henry and Arthur; also three daughters, Etta, Margaret and Mary. The body was taken to his home, 352 Butman road.

CHANDLER—Hiram S. Chandler, a life-long resident of Tewksbury died very suddenly at his home, from a shock, Tuesday evening. He leaves a wife, two sons, Thaddeus and George, besides a large number of relatives, to mourn his loss.

FUNERAL NOTICES

BUTTERFIELD—Died at Dracut Centre, Dec. 23, Theodore Raymond Butterfield, aged 2 years, 4 months and 12 days. Funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon from 55 Jones street, Dracut, at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

WILDE—The funeral of Jacob Wilde will be held at the home, 1450 Gorham street Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 2 o'clock. The services will be private. Please omit flowers. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

JOHNSTON—Died in this city, Dec. 22, Mrs. Martha A. (Cochate) Johnston. Funeral services will be held from her home, 155 Sixth street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

FUNERALS

PALMER—The funeral of Woodworth N. Palmer was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 86 Epping street. Rev. A. Hesford, pastor of the Lawrence street P. M. church, officiated. A quartet composed of Frederick Clegg, Willard F. Parker, Miss Mary Green and Mrs. David Allen sang "Blessed Assurance," "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Abide With Me." There were many floral offerings, including: Pillow, inscribed "Husband and Papa," the family; pillow inscribed "I. O. O. F., M. U., Integrity lodge; pillow inscribed "P. L. O. L., 134;" and other tributes from employes of Waterhouse mills; P. Haynes, Delta Alpha Sunday school class, Marjorie Regan, Charles and Stella Regan, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Cutherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bjorkman and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. English and Miss Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verry. The bearers were Arthur D. Long, William R. Boutilier, Harry C. Barrett, James S. Williams, Gustaf Bjorkman and George Scott. Burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, where the committal service was read by Rev. Mr. Hesford. The burial service of Integrity lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., was also read by its delegation. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

LEACH—The funeral of Robert O. Leach was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 118 Powell street. The services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Ellis, pastor of the Chelmsford Center Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sturtleff, pastor of the Advent Christian church. The bearers were R. E. Bean, M. E. Bean and C. N. Halstead. The body was sent to Pawtucket, R. I., for burial in the family lot in the Oak Grove cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

FLETCHER—The funeral of Joel Emory Fletcher was held from his home in Columbia street, Ayer. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Frank S. Leathers, of Haverhill, formerly pastor of the Ayer Baptist church. Mrs. Daisy Beckford and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" The bearers were H. E. Sanderson, E. L. Sawyer, W. L. Preble and W. W. Goodnow. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton, where Rev. Mr. Leathers read the committal service.

If your teeth trouble you, see Dr. Gagnon, 466 Merrimack street.

SUN FEATURES SATURDAY

They Do Say, Mrs. Ray's Menus, Real Estate Page, and Others for The Sun Readers

The main feature of Saturday's Sun will be the Real Estate and Builders' Page, which will be replete with matter of general interest. It will contain in addition to the news of the local building and real estate operations, a valuable directory of real estate men and contractors.

"They Do Say" will be another feature of Saturday's Sun. Everyone reads these bright little paragraphs which deal with affairs of general interest.

Marie, "The French Maid," will describe a new decoration for the home. She will also tell how to give an attractive appearance to an ordinary plain desk.

"The Rabbit's Foot" will tell how to grow plump and how to care for the hands. Many people judge others by the appearance of their hands. The use of poor soaps is often injurious. This article will contain helpful information.

"Independent Pussy" and "The Rose Fairy" are the sleepytime tales which will be printed for the children on Saturday.

Mrs. Ray's Low Cost Menus for the entire week will be included in The Sun features on Saturday.

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NORTH WALPOLE OFFICER ADMITS FURNISHING LIQUOR FOR NO-LICENSE CELEBRATION

NORTH WALPOLE, N. H., Dec. 24.—Patrick Tyman, a police officer of North Walpole, yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing liquor. He was fined $25 and costs and a sentence of 30 days in jail was suspended.

Last election day Walpole voted no license and that evening there was a celebration in the Russell building, which also is used as a lockup. There were many no-license advocates at this celebration. Police Officer Tyman pleaded guilty to furnishing the liquor for that occasion.

Miner's orchestra, Associate hall.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN MILL

CHILDREN OF AMOSKEAG CO.'S EMPLOYES IN MANCHESTER, N. H., MADE HAPPY

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24—Eight hundred children of employes of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company received Christmas gifts from the company last night. A tree was set up in one of the largest mills of the textile plant and from it the gifts were distributed.

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GUNBOAT SMITH WON

McCARTY WAS OUT STANDING UP, WHEN REFEREE INTERFERED AND STOPPED BOUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Gunboat" Smith pricked the bubble of Tom McCarty's prestige as a fighter by knocking out the Montana scrapper in the first minute and a half of the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout at the Empire A. C. last night. After Smith had toppled over McCarty three times, Referee Dan Tone stopped the milling.

McCarty was "out" standing up when Tone saved him. He was so weak and helpless that he did not know just where he was or what had happened to him. He was cut and bleeding at the mouth and had become a chopping block for Smith. Tone showed good judgment in stopping the bout when he did.

Smith did the work with three right-hand swings to McCarty's face soon after the round opened. The first one, his favorite "hospital punch," landed just behind the ear. McCarty's failure to take the count after he had dropped to the mat made him a mark for Smith's second swing to the face, and again McCarty dropped, this time to the ropes. When Tom regained his feet Smith again swung to the face, and as McCarty was too weak to guard himself the punch found a mark on his chin and mouth. Tone then interfered.

Up to the time that Smith made his winning rally McCarty had more than held his own. He had bombarded Smith to the ropes several times with hard left hooks to the face and under the ear.

The Montana man's guard was so low and he was so open to attack that Smith managed to shake him up in the third session with a hard right to the chin, which glanced off without doing more damage than bewildering the Montana cowboy.

Had the punch landed flush the bout would have ended then. As it was, it was the beginning of McCarty's troubles.

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OTHER CITIES COPY LOWELL'S HEALTH RULES

State Commissioner of Health Recommends Rules and Regulations—Good Advertisement

The health rules and regulations of Lowell are receiving flattering notice at the hands of the state commissioner of health, who considers them in so favorable a light as to recommend them to cities where food ordinances are being revised. Mention, too, has been made of these rules in certain medical journals and it is all very good advertising for Lowell. The following letter, received by City Clerk Flynn today tells its own story:

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21, 1914.
City Clerk, Lowell, Mass.:
Dear Sir—The food regulations of Lowell have been recommended to us as especialy good by Dr. McLaughlin, Massachusetts commissioner of health. If possible, will you kindly send us a copy of these regulations for use in the revision of the food ordinances of Minneapolis? Very sincerely yours,
Mary Watkins,
Municipal Reference Librarian.

The rules and regulations include the covering of foodstuffs, manufacture, storage and handling of ice cream, production, care and sale of milk, etc., and are very thorough. The rules and regulations having to do with milk have been commented upon favorably by the state authorities on various occasions, and several cities have copied Lowell's rules and regulations.

Ambulating the Lines

Billerica has not moved an inch in the last five years and the boundary lines are in the same place as they were five years ago. This very valuable information is contained in a report having to do with a recent ambulation of the meets and lines made by Mayor Murphy and Selectmen Wright and Sanford of Billerica. These gentlemen, after a very thorough investigation, report that the lines are all right. That will help some.

Money for Christmas

This was pay day at city hall. The pay roll for the week amounted to $17,844.43, and it's the day's best bet that very little of it found its way to the bank. The employes were paid today in order that they might have their money for Christmas, and it is generally conceded that the fellow who doesn't go broke at Christmas hasn't done his share in contributing to the Yuletide cheer.

Marriage Intentions

The following marriage intentions have been registered at the city clerk's office since the last were published:

Dec. 17—Joseph Moore, 28, teamster, 47 Streatham street, and Margaret H. Cowperthwaite, 24, spooler, Lawrence Mass.

Dec. 21—Edward R. Morris, 35, merchant, 23 Coburn street, and Etta M. Callahan, 28, at home, 13 Carleton street.

Joseph F. Burns, 44, salesman, 43 Bellevue street, and Katharine McCartin, 44, (widowed), at home, 16 Bellevue street.

Arthur D. Cannery, 31, salesman, Collinsville, Mass., and Amy Perkins, 38, at home, 294 Varnum avenue.

Michael Clohesy, 39, (widowed), laborer, 15 Dempsey place, and Mary McGarry, 37, (widowed, weaver), 18 Cross street.

Hecton Philippe Larocques, 21, foreman, 540 Moody street, and Blanche Morissette, 27, hosiery, 185 Ludlam street.

Schuyler R. Waller, 29, dentist, 100 Princeton street, and Annie Elizabeth Mutzen, 25, nurse, same address.

George Armstrong, 28, laborer, Scatchtown, Que., and Effie A. McRitchie, 24, housework, 77 Chestnut street.

John J. Crowe, 24, clerk, 126 Seventh avenue, and Mary Lynch, 24, at home, 64 Pine Hill street.

Jose de Conto Fagundes, 21, operative, 109 Charles street and Gertrude do Nascimento, 20, operative, 64 Tyler street.

Ormonde C. Gisham, 23, chemist, 272 Merrimack street, and Doris H. Rogers, 23, stenographer, Winthrop, Mass.

Archibald L. MacKinnon, 23, reporter, Y. M. C. A., Merrimack street, and Florence E. Noyes, 24, at home, Claremont, N. H.

Arthur H. R. Giroux, 21, reporter, 161 White street, and Regina Lebourdais, 20, at home, 86 Gershom avenue.

Dec. 22—James O. Cote, 40, (widowed) step bolt cutter and Elizabeth A. Shea, 31, weaver, 110 Andover street.

Dec. 23.—Arthur W. Canham, 45, (divorced), overseer, 15 Fifth street, and Hattie C. Allen, 48, (divorced), housekeeper, same address.

Charles Devitt Crowell, 23, teamster, Chelmsford Centre, and Mabel Clarieca Woodworth, 19, at home, 825 East Merrimack street.

Dec. 24—Winiworth F. Warren, 36, laundryman, Lewiston, Me., and Alice E. Payne, 34, school teacher, Gardiner, Me.

BRITISH VESSELS FINED

FOR VIOLATING QUARANTINE REGULATIONS IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—British colliers in the canal zone have recently violated quarantine regulations, according to the canal record of Dec. 16, just received here but no mention is made of alleged infractions of American neutrality.

From Dec. 5 to 16 six British colliers and two British merchant vessels arrived at Cristobal on the Atlantic and at Balboa on the Pacific side without bills of health in violation of quarantine regulations. Fines of $25 were imposed upon the Roddam and the Kirnwood which brought coal from England and Wales. They were allowed to proceed through the canal and detained at Balboa until the district court had acted. The merchant steamers Nyanza and Atlantic City, sugar laden, were fined $25 each. The collier Mollina was fined $50, the Withernsea, also coal laden, was fined $50, and the Lena and the Boyne, with coal from Wales, were fined $100 each.

All of the six coal shipments were consigned to the British admiralty.

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AUSTRIANS TORPEDOED FRENCH BATTLESHIP

Bayonet Battle West of Warsaw—German Aeronaut Brought Down Near Paris—French Claim Success From the Sea to Fontier of Alsace—Heavy Fighting in France and Belgium

Today's official statements reveal the intense nature of the fighting now in progress, both east and west but state that with the possible exception of East Prussia there has been no significant change in the alignment of the opposing forces.

The German statement tells of a fight for possession of a trench in France which was won by the French, recaptured by the Germans and finally abandoned. So fierce was the struggle that the trench was almost obliterated by artillery fire. No important movements are reported in the German communication.

The French statement while saying that small gains have been made here and there mention German attacks at so many points that it is apparent the allies have not been permitted without a struggle to take the offensive into their own hands and that such ground as they have won recently is not to be held without hard fighting.

The fighting in Poland has become most severe, and at points along the line west of Warsaw the issue is being fought with bayonets. The Berlin war office states that the Russian advance in East Prussia has been checked and that the Russians at Mlawa in Poland, near the Prussian border, have been defeated.

A French cruiser in the strait of Otranto, near the southern end of Italy, was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine. It is stated that the damage was slight and that no men were injured.

Although accounts vary as to the present status of military affairs in Poland, it is evident the fighting has shifted southward from Sochaczew, the town on the Bzura river, 30 miles from Warsaw toward which the Germans for several days directed their principal efforts. Austro-German forces operating from the Cracow base are attempting to push northward into Poland. In this effort, however, they are meeting with determined resistance from the Russians.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd says Russian successes in Galicia continue and that in the Carpathians the Austrians have been thrown back. Another sortie by the garrison at Przemysl which has long been under attack by the Russians is said to have resulted disastrously for the Austrians.

Heavy fighting continues in France and Belgium, but thus far the renewed activities have accomplished little, neither side being able to drive the other from the strongly fortified positions held for so long.

Now that the French government has returned to Paris a venturesome German aeronaut has ventured to prove that the capital is not without the war zone by flying over it. He was brought down by a French aeronaut, however, at a point 19 miles from the city of Paris.

SUPREME GERMAN EFFORT CONTINUES TO BE MADE BEFORE WARSAW

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve finds little change in the underground warfare now being conducted in the western war theatre, where General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the

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CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT

Spirit of Those at Home in France is to Give All to Father or Brother Serving With the Flag

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Christmas at the front will be as cheerful and comfortable as the love and self-denial of well nigh every family in France can make it. The spirit of those at home is not to give presents to one another but to unite and give all to the father or brother serving with the flag.

Many a family in France probably will dine meagrely tomorrow because of the packages of soft woolen things and boxes of delicacies which have gone to kinsmen at the front. Then there are field glasses, wrist watches, sleeping bags and an amazing variety of campaign conveniences.

The military administration has been most considerate in providing transportation, so that all this month numerous vans loaded with holiday packages were among the long supply trains back of the army.

Many a lone soldier, without family, has received various packages of things to eat, wear, smoke or drink from societies and from the government. The ministry of war, among other things, is sending a bottle of champagne for every four soldiers at the front.

All the plum puddings in the shops of Paris have been taken by the French military to send to the British soldiers.

The Belgian refugees, especially the children, are being so overfed that the committees in charge of them have postponed by agreement various dinners and entertainments so as to extend them over the next ten days.

King Albert of Belgium has sent a box of 25 cigars to each of the Belgian soldiers. All the hospitals have arranged concerts, recitations and stereoptican shows for convalescing soldiers.

The American ambulance is bright with holly and mistletoe.

Madame Poincare, wife of the president of France, has sent 3000 packages of toys, candy and clothing to 3000 Alsace-Lorraine children, who live in the territories reconquered by France.

The French government is delivering great quantities of packages from Germany to prisoners of war. For the most part they are useful things, like blankets, underwear and woolen socks. Similar deliveries, it is understood, will be made by the German authorities to French prisoners.

HARRY THAW IS HAPPY

MRS. THAW TO PASS CHRISTMAS WITH HER SON IN MANCHESTER, N. H.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24.—It was learned at the home of Harry K. Thaw today it was probable that Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, his mother, would spend Christmas with him. It is understood that Mrs. Thaw visited her son's chief counsel, former Secretary of State Philander C. Knox, at the latter's country home at Valley Forge, Pa., yesterday when further procedure on behalf of Thaw was discussed.

Thaw maintains the silence imposed upon him by counsel before the decision of the United States supreme court compelling his extradition to New York was announced. His secretary reiterated that Thaw had not and would not say a word to the public regarding his case.

The Lowell Trust Company will be open this (Thursday) evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

INJUNCTION IS REFUSED

ARIZONA PROHIBITION LAW WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1 IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect Jan. 1 The special United States tribunal from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement refused to issue such injunctions, in a brief decision rendered today. Appeal to the United States supreme court will be taken at once.

CITY AND NATION AT ODDS

Lawrence Wants $24.12 for Watering Street in Front of Postoffice, But Uncle Sam Demurs

LAWRENCE, Dec. 24.—The municipal government and the federal government are at odds over a charge of $24.12 for street watering in front of the postoffice here. Postmaster M. F. Cronin yesterday informed Mayor Kane he had received advice from Washington that the bill would not be paid, the contention being that a municipality cannot tax the national government.

The mayor thought the best way out would be to abate the sum, but Alderman Hannagan, who as director of engineering has charge of the water and street departments, demurred. He contended that it was not a tax, but a charge for service. Then the alderman, who, although elected as a non-partisan, is a democrat, and a former member of the democratic state central committee, so far forgot his political allegiance as to declare that the "republican administration never refused to pay the bill," and he was opposed to abating this one.

GET BIG ORDER

Pittsburg Firms Get Order for $4,000,000 Worth of Wire

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Demand from the belligerent nations of Europe for barbed wire and plain wire today reached the feverish stage in the wire mills of this district. Offers of orders aggregating 125,000 tons of which 25,000 tons are specified as barbed wire of special design have been made within the past few days, the only point at issue being the time at which delivery can be made. This business is worth approximately $4,000,000 and will keep the mills going for several months. England, France and Russia have been large customers of the Pittsburgh wire mills since the war broke out.

FIRE IN OLD CAR BARN

BLAZE IN SOUTH WHIPPLE STREET STRUCTURE DID LITTLE HARM—ONE HORSE TAKEN OUT

The old car shed in South Whipple street, now used by the park department as a stable, was threatened with destruction early this afternoon, when a lively blaze broke out in the upper portion of the building. The horse of the park department was in the stable at the time, but it was an easy matter to drive the steed out.

When the fire was discovered an alarm from box 46 was sent in at 1.05 o'clock and a portion of the fire department rushed to the scene of the threatening blaze. The horse of the park department was quickly led out and lines of hose were laid. After a few minutes' hard work, the fire-fighters succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, which was working its way to the roof of the building. It is not known how the fire started, but it is believed it was through an overheated chimney. The damage which is confined to the old wooden structure is slight.

MRS. HANNAH FAY DEAD

WORCESTER WOMAN, 100 YEARS OLD, PASSED AWAY TODAY—NATIVE OF HARVARD

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Hannah Fairbanks Fay, 100 years old, died today. She was a native of Harvard, Mass., where she was born in 1814. She had been a resident of Worcester since her marriage in 1845. She leaves a daughter in Worcester and a sister, Mrs. Abbie W. Hubbard of Dubuque, Wis., who is 90 years old.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations as follows:

Dec. 29.—Agriculturist and field agent, (male), salary, $2640 per annum; assistant engineer, mapping wells, (male), salary $1800 per annum.

Jan. 6—Veterinarian, (male), salary $1400 per annum; assistant photographer, (male), salary $1200 per annum.

SENDING XMAS CHEER TO HEARTS AND HOMES

Very General Effort to Aid Poor and Afflicted — Churches and Societies Dispensing Charity

Seldom if ever before in this city has there been a more general or spontaneous effort to spread Christmas cheer than at the present time. The firemen, the Elks, the various churches, the Salvation Army and various other organizations have all taken steps to aid the worthy poor as far as lies in their power to make the needy, the afflicted, the unfortunate, as happy as possible on the coming Christmas day. It is encouraging to find this spirit of charity manifest and to know that so very many people are striving to aid the needy. This is as it should be and the consciousness of having made others happy will be to the generous givers one of the greatest sources of happiness.

County Training School

An elaborate Christmas program will be carried out at the Middlesex county training school in North Chelmsford this evening. For the first time for several years, the boys at the school have permission to invite their parents and friends to attend the Christmas tree exercises and it is expected that a large number will be present to enjoy the festivities. Three large spruce trees have been "planted" in the hall at the school and each will contain numerous presents for the boys. An excellent entertainment will also be given.

Tomorrow morning the Catholic boys will attend the 9.30 o'clock mass at St. John's church, North Chelmsford.

Y. M. C. I. Christmas Tree

The annual Christmas tree celebration will be held by the members of the Y. M. C. I., at the beautiful quarters of the society in Stackpole street tomorrow afternoon. The festivities will start at 2 p. m., and as William H. Harrington has acquiesced to act in the role of Santa Claus for the 20th time, the affair ought to prove an unprecedented success. Presents will be bestowed on all the members, after which a musical program will be carried out. Messrs. Ed. Shea, John Dalton, Frank McCartin, William Marren and others will be on hand to contribute to this feature. Messrs. Edward Cawley, the Colby college football star, and John Quinlan, have been engaged as police officers.

The arrangements are in the hands of a competent committee headed by Frank P. McCartin and no time or effort has been spared to make the affair highly enjoyable. The members are allowed to invite a friend.

Salvation Army Home

Christmas will be appropriately observed at the Salvation Army's Industrial home on Fletcher street. At 10.30 o'clock in the morning a Christmas tree celebration will be held. A large Christmas tree, prettily decorated and heavily laden with presents, will be set up in one of the rooms and gifts will

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WOMAN IN WANT

A Case of Destitution That Should Receive Prompt Attention

Word was received at The Sun office this morning of a woman living in Middlesex street being in very destitute circumstances, and a reporter was at once detailed to investigate. The case must have escaped the attention of the numerous charitable institutions of this city or else the poor woman's wants would have been supplied long ago.

The woman's husband died 22 years ago, leaving her with five small children, and she was forced to seek employment in one of Manchester's cotton mills. By working steadily she managed to rear her family and give them a good education. About nine years ago she left Manchester and obtained work in one of the local cotton mills as a cardroom hand. Work being scarce, she was laid off a few months ago and, although she has worn the shoes off her feet in search of employment since that time, she has been unable to secure a position. She is now living with a married son, who has all he can do to supply the necessities of life for his family, and the keeping of his mother has placed an extra heavy burden on his shoulders. He is employed at the car shops, but his work brings him but small wages. The woman asks that some well-to-do person send her a pair of shoes, so that she will be able to go out and look for work.

The case is indeed a worthy one and the woman appears to be very honest and truthful. Adversity has not always been her lot, and this is the first Christmas that she has ever been in need. In other years she was always able to send some little token to her 15 grandchildren besides keeping herself. The woman's name and address are at The Sun office and can be had upon application. Here is a chance for some charitable person or institution to bring the joy of Christmas to the heart of a deserving woman.

SAN ANTONIO SOCIETY

Officers For the Year Elected at Last Night's Meeting—Vincent Marotta President

The regular meeting of the members of San Antonio de Padoua society was held last night in their quarters in Chapel street. The attendance was large and considerable business was transacted with President Vincent Marotta in the chair. A feature of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Vincent Marotta, president; Ferdinando D'Arezzo, vice-president; Davide de Paulis, secretary; Pasquale Costante, assistant secretary; Joseph Pilato, treasurer; Francesco Di Grandis, Francesco Zampagna, Giovanni Botti, Nicola Fiorilla and Carmine Sylvestro, directors; Andrea Traverso, Simone Lepore, sick wardens; Joseph Castellana, Nicola Vrascallera, flag bearers; Giovani Di Paulis, marshal; Domenico Castellani, guido; Pietro Castellano, sentinel.

Mr. Marotta, the organizer of the society, has occupied the position of president since the inception of the organization and although he did not care to be a candidate for the same office this year, the members forced him to accept for another term. Under his direction the society has progressed considerably. The installation of the new officers will be held at the next regular meeting, at which time a social hour will be held.

NO SUN TOMORROW

Tomorrow being Christmas day The Sun will suspend publication of all editions.

TO THE BRAVES

Sherwood Magee, of Philadelphia, Traded to Boston Nationals

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Sherwood Magee, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Philadelphia National league club, was today traded to the Boston Nationals for cash and some players. The deal was put through at a meeting held in New York today by President Baker of the Philadelphia club and President Gaffney of the Bostons.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE

LONDON'S FAMOUS RECREATION GROUND IS TO BE USED FOR SOLDIERS

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press) The Crystal palace, London's famous recreation ground, will be closed to the public from New Year's day to the end of the war, in order to provide training quarters for soldiers. It is estimated that at least ten thousand men will bunk in the glass exhibition hall.

One effect will be to cause the English cup final, which decides the professional association football championship and is the most popular sporting event in England, with the exception of the Derby race, to be played on other grounds next April.

WELL KNOWN IN LOWELL

LAWRENCE JEWELER WHO WAS MURDERED IN WAKEFIELD WAS IN THIS CITY A FEW DAYS AGO

Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jeweler who was murdered in Wakefield, was well known in this city having spent considerable time here selling jewelry during the past few years. Mr. Albertson was in Lowell, it is said, only a few days ago and took orders for jewerly which he was to deliver in the near future.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS SUSPENDED FOR XMAS

National Capital Ready for its Christmas Celebration — Pres. Wilson Plays Santa Claus

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Government business virtually was suspended today and the national capital was ready for its Christmas celebration. Congress was taking a recess, at the White House only necessary business was being transacted, in the executive departments work had been postponed and the supreme court had adjourned for the holidays.

Officials of the government from President Wilson down to the humblest employe had made arrangements for the festal occasion. Many members of the house and senate from nearby states were on the way today to their homes for Christmas while others from the more distant sections of the country remained here.

At the White House the president was taking advantage of the last few hours to see to it personally that everything was in order there for Christmas day. Little Annie Cothran of Philadelphia, the president's grandniece, is a White House guest for the holidays and for the first time in years a large fir Christmas tree had been set up. The president was to act as "Santa Claus."

White House employes including clerks, domestics and policemen, were happy today because the president has presented each of them with a 15 pound turkey as a Christmas gift. Distribution of the birds to White House employes is a long established custom.

All of the executive parliaments had arranged to close at noon for the holiday and the thousands of employes joined in real Christmas celebrations.

At the capitol plans had been completed for the community Christmas celebration there tonight. A large fir tree was ready for the festivities. Thousands of persons planned to attend the exercises there.

President Wilson, on his way to the golf course this morning, stopped his automobile many times to smilingly hand Christmas gifts to the little boys and girls who since he has been visiting the golf club have waved him a greeting from their homes along his course. When his automobile left the White House it was packed with gifts; it was empty when the golf club was reached.

With the exception of Secretary Garrison, who will spend Christmas at Atlantic City, all the members of the cabinet will be here tomorrow. The president has exchanged gifts with each of them.

DEATHS

KLISS—John Kliss, aged 35 years, 22 days, prominently known in business circles in this city, died yesterday at his home in Dracut after a lingering illness. He leaves, besides his wife, a daughter, Stephanie, and four sons, Joseph, Edward, Francis and John, Jr.

WILDE—Jacob Wilde died yesterday at his home, 1450 Gorham street, aged 77 years. He leaves, besides his wife, Elizabeth, three daughters, Mrs. Albert Dawson, Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell and Mrs. William Buckley; also two sons, Joseph L. and Thomas E.

BUTTERFIELD—Theodore Raymond Butterfield, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Butterfield, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 55 Jones street, Dracut, aged two years, four months and 11 days.

WHITTLE—Parker Whittle died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Susie Maker, 149 Carey street, aged 88 years and 20 days.

LINNEHAN—Michael Linnehan died last night at St. John's hospital after a brief illness, aged 47 years. He leaves, besides his wife, Fanny, four sons, John, Timothy, Henry and Arthur; also three daughters, Ellen, Margaret and Mary. The body was taken to his home, 352 Butman road.

CHANDLER—Hiram S. Chandler, a life-long resident of Tewksbury died very suddenly at his home, from a shock, Tuesday evening. He leaves a wife; two sons, Thaddeus and George, besides a large number of relatives, to mourn his loss.

FUNERAL NOTICES

BUTTERFIELD—Died at Dracut Center, Dec. 23, Theodore Raymond Butterfield, aged 2 years, 4 months and 11 days. Funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon from 55 Jones street, Dracut, at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

WILDE—The funeral of Jacob Wilde will be held at the home, 1450 Gorham street Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 2 o'clock. The services will be private. Please omit flowers. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

JOHNSTON—Died in this city, Dec. 22, Mrs. Martha A. (Boehme) Johnston. Funeral services will be held from her home, 155 Sixth street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

LINNEHAN—The funeral of Michael Linnehan will take place Saturday morning from his late home, 352 Butman road, at 8 o'clock. At the Immaculate Conception church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker J. J. O'Connell in charge of funeral arrangements.

THYNNE—The funeral of Mrs. Catherine E. Thynne will take place on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from her home, 69 Forrest street. At 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Margaret's church. Kindly omit flowers. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of James H. McDermott.

FUNERALS

PALMER—The funeral of Woodworth V. Palmer was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 89 Epping street. Rev. A. Hesford, pastor of the Lawrence Street P. M. church, officiated. A quartet composed of Frederick Clegg, Willard P. Parker, Miss Mary Green and Mrs. David Allen sang "Blessed Assurance," "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Abide With Me." There were many floral offerings, including, Pillow, inscribed "Husband and Papa," the family; pillow inscribed "I. O. O. F., M. U., Integrity lodge; pillow inscribed "P. L. G. L., 134;" and other tributes from employes of Waterhead mills; P. Haynes, Delta Alpha Sunday school class, Marjorie Regan, Charles and Stella Regan, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Catherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bjorkman and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher, Mrs. English and Miss Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry. The bearers were Arthur Dearborn, William R. Boutilier, Harry C. Barrett, James S. Williams, Oscar Bjorkman and George Scott. Burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, where the committal service was read by Rev. Mr. Hesford. The burial service of Integrity lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., was also read by its delegation. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

LEACH—The funeral of Robert O. Leach was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 118 Powell street. The services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Ellis, pastor of the Chelmsford Center Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sturtleff, pastor of the Advent Christian church. The bearers were R. L. Bean, M. E. Bean and C. N. Halstead. The body was sent to Pawtucket, R. I., for burial in the family lot in the Oak Grove cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

FLETCHER—The funeral of Joel Emery Fletcher was held from his home in Columbia, this morning. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Frank S. Leathers, of Haverhill, formerly pastor of the Ayer Baptist church. Mrs. Daisy Beckford and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" The bearers were H. E. Sanderson, E. R. Sawyer, W. L. Preble and W. W. Goodrow. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton, where Rev. Mr. Leathers read the committal service.

CRANNA—The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Cranna took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from her home, 28 West L street, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church where at 9 o'clock a mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Dennis Murphy. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including a large pillow inscribed "Wife," a large wreath inscribed "Mother," from the son and daughter, and pieces from the Marion club, O'Hagan family, and Miss Elizabeth Murphy. The bearers were Robert McMullen, Joseph Scully, Michael O'Hagan and Arthur Trainor. At the grave Rev. Fr. Murphy read the committal prayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers Jas. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

A WHITE XMAS

From New England to Great Lakes, Says the Weather Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A white Christmas from New England to the Great Lakes is indicated in weather bureau predictions for tomorrow, which say unsettled weather and probable snow will prevail through that region. Elsewhere generally colder weather will mark Christmas day with unusually low temperatures along the northern border from New England to North Dakota.

The South Atlantic and gulf states may expect a rainy Christmas, the report adds.

ENTERS CONVENT

A Prominent New York Society Girl to Take the Veil

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Following the example of her mother's cousin, Miss Lucy Dahlgren, member of a socially prominent family of this city and New York, will enter the convent of the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament at Cornwells, Pa. Her mother confirmed the rumor yesterday.

The mother's cousin, Mother Katherine Drexel, founded the convent, where is centred the order that works among the negroes and Indians. Mother Drexel took the veil in 1893 and she is said to have contributed a million dollars to the work to which she has devoted her life.

Miss Dahlgren, who is 22 years old, made her debut at New York in 1912. She is studying in the convent of St. Leo's Catholic church, in East 29th street, New York, and she will enter the mother house at Cornwells on Jan. 28. Her mother is staying at the home of Mrs. Wharton Drexel at Cornwells.

Town of Tewksbury NOTICE

All persons having accounts against the town should have the same in the hands of the selectmen for approval on or before December 31, 1914.

All persons having any articles they wish inserted in the warrant for town meeting must have the same in the hands of the selectmen or or before the 15th of January, 1915.

(Signed)

SELECTMEN OF TEWKSBURY.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE

REPORTS PROGRESS FROM THE SEA TO LYS—ATTACK AT LOMBAERTZYDE REPULSED

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French official statement given out this afternoon recites a series of French successes of apparently minor importance from the sea on the north to the frontier of Alsace on the south. The locations where French troops have gained the advantage are given as along the Lys; in the region of the Aisne; in Champagne, near Perthes; in the Argonne; in the forest of Apremont; and near St. Die.

Fog prevented fighting near Arras and Verdun and there has been artillery activity southeast of Amiens near Ville-Sur-Tourbe and in the forest of Apremont.

"From the sea to the Lys we made progress by sapping operations in the dunes and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombaertzyde. At Swartelen to the southeast of Ypres we occupied a group of houses and we drove back as far as the southern part of this village a counter-attack."

"A counter-attack of the enemy; this was done in spite of a very spirited fire from the German artillery.

"The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser to the south of Dixmude and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge.

"In the region of Arras the fog still made all operations impossible.

"To the east and to the southeast of Amiens, especially in the suburbs of Lassigny there have been artillery exchanges.

"In the region of the Aisne, the zouaves during all day yesterday held back brilliantly a number of attacks and they remained masters, at a point near the road to Puisleine of the German trenches occupied by us Dec. 21.

"In Champagne we strengthened the positions taken by us in our advance of the night before in the region of Craonne and Rheims.

"In the vicinity of Perthes all the counter attacks on the enemy on the positions conquered by us Dec. 22 were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Mesnil-Les-Hurlus we occupied German trenches for a distance of 400 yards and we drove back a counter-attack. The Germans endeavored to take the offensive in the direction of Ville-Sur-Tourbe, but our artillery dispersed them.

"In the Argonne we took possession of a piece of ground in the forest of la Grurie and in the vicinity of Bagatelle we repulsed a German attack.

"In the region of Verdun the prevalence of fog made impossible the conduct of any operations of importance. The enemy delivered a counter attack but without success in the forest of Conservoye.

"In the forest of Apremont our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate several trenches. In the Woevre district the French artillery reduced certain German batteries to silence.

"In the region of Ban De Sapt, to the northeast of St. Die our infantry advanced with a rush and established itself on the territory thus gained.

"There is nothing to report from upper Alsace.

"Russia: On the Bzura river the Germans have maintained themselves in two positions. On the contrary at a point north of Sochaczew they were driven back to the river, which flows to the southwest of this town. Their efforts to debouch from Bolimow resulted in failure. At present time the Germans are essaying to cross the river Rawka to the southeast of Skierniewice.

"To the south of Rawka the Germans are resisting stubbornly, a pronounced Russian offensive movement being delivered along the northern bank of the river Pilica."

BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT

SUCCESS AT BIXSCHOOTE, ATTACKS IN SOUAIN AND PERTHES REPULSED

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The official communication issued today by the German general headquarters staff today said:

"The enemy did not renew his attacks in the neighborhood of Nieuport yesterday. At Bixschoote we took 230 prisoners on Dec. 22.

"The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes. These were repulsed.

"A trench kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy was lost by us, but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counter-attack because parts of the trenches had been almost leveled by the enemy's fire. More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands.

"In the east we have assumed the offensive and are advancing from Neidenburg and Soldau (in East Prussia) we have repulsed the Russians after several days' fighting at Mlawa (northern Poland) and the enemy's positions at Mlawa again are in our hands. More than 1000 prisoners were taken in these battles.

"At the confluence of the Bzura and Rawka rivers fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather.

"The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica river in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies with heavy losses.

"Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged."

25 % Off

On All Xmas Goods at

RICARD'S

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Thomas Hennessy and Maurice Milontaler carrying on business as Hennessy and Milontaler, under the style and firm name of Home Wet Wash Laundry, at 117 Cambridge street, in Lowell, Mass., was on the eighteenth day of December, A. D. 1914, dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business in future will be carried on by the said Thomas Hennessy alone, who will assume all debts and liabilities and receive all moneys payable to the said late firm.

MAURICE MILONTALER,
THOMAS HENNESSY.

December 23, 1914.

N. Y. TEACHER SUSPENDED

Miss Rodman, Wrote Letter Criticising Board of Education —Loses 8 Months' Pay

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After weeks of debate whether writing a letter to a newspaper criticising the policy of the board of education does or does not constitute "gross misconduct and insubordination," the board finally decided yesterday that it does and suspended Miss Henrietta Rodman, a teacher in the Wadleigh high school, until Sept. 1, 1915, without pay.

The case was tried Tuesday before a special committee, and although the meeting was closed it was understood today that the majority of this committee favored discharging Miss Rodman for her offence.

"It was only as a compromise that we suspended her," said Arthur M. Somers, chairman of the committee.

The report as submitted by Mr. Somers' committee to the board after recalling that Miss Rodman had been duly tried, witnesses having been examined under oath, said, "that while the majority of the members found her guilty of insubordination she was accused unanimously only of gross misconduct, so it is only under this charge that we wish to recommend her suspension by the board." The report said that two members had failed to vote, being absent.

Joseph Barondess of Brooklyn was the only member of the board of education to take up the cudgels in Miss Rodman's defence. He sprang to his feet as the reading of the committee report was finished and exclaimed: "Miss Rodman has been outrageously treated. There is no reason to find her guilty of gross misconduct for simply writing a letter to a newspaper. The city of New York does not need the money which it will derive from the retention of her pay. She has not been properly treated by the committee. Why an intelligent body of men and women should be afraid of the criticism of a woman on a subject which requires deep sociological study and which none of us are quite sure of, I am at a loss to conjecture.

"She is guilty simply of criticising the board, if she had criticised the mayor or the president she would not have been punished. This board itself has often criticised its own president—there is absolutely no reason why she should lose eight months' salary. I for one," concluded Mr. Barondess, "wish to go on record as protesting vigorously against this very unfair judgment."

President Churchill waited several minutes, but nothing further was said and a vote was taken. With the exception of Mr. Barondess it was unanimous for suspension.

"Practically she is getting off easy," said Jacob Bernstein, Miss Rodman's junior counsel, "but legally it is an outrageous judgment. I shall advise Miss Rodman to appeal the case to Commissioner Finley and failing there to go to the courts."

Miss Rodman herself was not present when the decision was reached.

"My suspension from November 13 to September 1 amounts to $1800 salary for ten months," she admitted mournfully yesterday evening. "When I found my letter had given deep offence to the board of education I was very sorry. I had not intended to be offensive, only intended to be clear and forceful. I should have apologized had I been given the opportunity.

"They told me that the board of education wished me to apologize for my letter, but believing that to do that while under charges was to accept the right of the board of education to call an error of judgment gross misconduct I refused to do so. If the board of education had reprimanded me I would have considered that they were acting within their rights, but to call an error of judgment gross misconduct and a lack of courtesy insubordination is to deprive any one of initiative and independence."

"It is safer to obey orders," concluded Miss Rodman, "than to be too independent!"

Miss Rodman in private life is Mrs. Herman Defrem, and her husband holds a position in the American Museum of Natural History.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

GEORGE CLARK RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS OF LOCAL CARMEN

George Clark, the newly elected vice president of the Street Railway Men's union was a very busy man today receiving the congratulations of the members of the union and other friends. The selection of Mr. Clark was a most popular one, and indications point to his being a most capable

GEORGE CLARK

official. Vice President Clark will occupy the chair during the absence of President Crowley, whose attention will be taken up for some time to come with the arbitration hearing which is being held in Boston.

Patrick Calnin, who was elected to the board of directors also came in for his share of the handshaking. Mr. Calnin is very popular in union affairs and was elected by a handsome vote.

Michael Connaton, the popular conductor whose injuries sustained during the summer, incapacitated him from active work was driven to the polls in a sleigh. After casting his vote he was given a grand reception by the members of the union.

LATE WAR NEWS

Continued

French armies still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German line across France and Belgium.

In the east a supreme German effort continues to be made before Warsaw, where the forces of the German centre and of the Russians, seeking to check them, sway back and forth along the banks of the rivers barring the way to the Polish capital.

The Russians claim successes in the latest encounters but during the last ten days the Germans have advanced appreciably, and it is said they now are bringing up their 42-centimetre guns preparatory to siege operations.

In Galicia, the Austrian-German forces seem to have made no further progress and in the north the Russians are reported to have pushed the invaders back into East Prussia.

The German tactics in the march toward Warsaw, military observers in London point out, are beginning to have some of the characteristics of the rush toward Calais and Dunkirk, which the allies stemmed, thousands being sacrificed and others being hurried forward to fill the gaps with the same prodigality that was shown by the Germans in Flanders.

Military experts here are unable to agree on the number of the Austro-German troops in the east, estimates varying from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000, but it is pointed out that Russia, unless she has been exaggerating her resources, should be able easily to top this figure now that her concentration of forces is nearing completion.

Petrograd has never conceded that the occupation of Lodz by the Germans had any strategic importance but the German view has found expression from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, who remarked to the representative of the Associated Press on the eastern front that he considered it the "turning point of the campaign."

All the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Boxes and greetings from home are being distributed in the trenches, at the hospitals and in the camps, hundreds of thousands of postcards to the soldiers and sailors from King George and Queen Mary being one feature of the British gifts.

The Austrians' attempts to crush Servia, which some predicted would be abandoned in view of the recent turn of events by which the Servians reoccupied Belgrade, are soon to be renewed in the form of a final blow, according to despatches from Budapest.

PALACE OF ESSAD PASHA, 70 MILES FROM SCUTARI, IN FLAMES

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Durazzo, Albania, to the Central News, says that the palace of Essad Pasha at Tierana has been set on fire.

Essad Pasha was named provisional president following the recent retirement of Prince William of Wied, who had been selected by the powers to rule Albania. Essad Pasha was last reported as advancing on Scutari, and it was said that he had proclaimed a holy war in Albania.

Tierana, where his palace is located, is 70 miles from Scutari.

EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF RUSSIA VISIT SEVERAL HOSPITALS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Emperor Nicholas and the empress of Russia, accompanied by their children, yesterday visited several hospitals in Moscow organized and maintained by public and private associations. Notable among these is the Union of All Russian Zemstvos.

In the evening the emperor, who is stopping in Moscow on his way back to Petrograd from the front in the Caucasus, received in the Kremlin palace Prince Lvoff, chief commissioner of the Union of All Russian Zemstvos, and the mayor of Moscow, M. Tchelnokoff, who is also commissioner chief of the Union of Russian Cities.

THERE WILL BE A

Matinee Race Meeting

TOMORROW AT 2 P. M.

—Either on the—

BOULEVARD or PAWTUCKET ST.

Under the Auspices of the Lowell Driving Club, Inc., weather and going permitting. Racing committee will be at the club headquarters over the Womesit bank tonight at 8 o'clock to close the horses and perform any other duties necessary. Per order,

JOHN K. FARNAM, Sec.

THE SUN IS ON SALE AT THE NORTH STATION BOSTON

MAN WHO TOOK $1000

Weds the Owner and Now Claims Ownership of Both — Young Wife Relents in Court

Peter Coulis, the dapper young foreigner who was arrested a week or so ago on the charge of larceny from his sweetheart, stepped forward this morning with a smiling bride upon his arm—the same Miss Kaloho Afdemoou who had sworn out the warrant against him.

Coulis, it was claimed, collected $1000 from the girl as a dowry, said collection being made before the marriage ceremony took place. He was not so eager to be married after getting hold of the 1000 simoleons and failed to show up at the nuptial feast. Therefore, the bride-to-be promptly applied for a warrant.

Nothing more blissful, however, could be asked for than the expression upon the dowry-laden maid's face this morning. She was married and held her hubby clutched tightly by the arm and what more could she ask?

When asked if she wished to prosecute further, she burst forth in a passionate denial to the interpreter. No, no, it was all a mistake, she said, and wanted her husband's name wiped off the police court blotter. This was done, and Kaloho tripped out of the courtroom still clinging to her $1000 husband.

But two cases appeared before Judge Enright in police court this morning and in neither case was the defendant given a sentence. The court seemed unwilling to send one of the defendants to jail on the day before Christmas and although finding him guilty ordered him continued until next Tuesday for sentence.

This case, while amusing in some aspects, brought to light perhaps the worst type of man—the man who will desert his girl wife, leaving her penniless and a subject for charity at the time when she is about to become a mother. And yet the young man who appeared as defendant this morning brazenly asked the court for another opportunity to escape justice.

No matter how badly she had been used, forgetful of the fact that he had deserted her at the moment when his companionship was most needed, forgiving him for the shortcomings which were presented before her eyes today, the little girl who said that she is the wife of the defendant, was unwilling to see her worthless husband go to jail.

With tears in her eyes she bravely took her place on the witness stand and brought forward arguments in her husband's favor. In spite of the fact that he had previously told her that he would go to Canada as soon as released she still had confidence in him.

Not so, however, the sister of the wife. This buxom lady stepped up to the witness stand and showed the court the defendant's true colors, saying that it would be a crime to release him after the manner in which he had treated his wife. The sister, it seems, had taken care of the wife and child after the father's desertion of them.

Judge Enright was in a quandary for a time but finally decided to get in touch with the defendant's family in Franklin, N. H. For this reason the case was continued for sentence.

COUNT SERGIUS WITTE PREDICTS DECISIVE VICTORY FOR RUSSIA

ROME, Dec. 23—(Delayed in transmission.) Reports having been circulated here that Count Sergius Witte, the Russian statesman, was leading a pacifist party at the Russian court the count has telegraphed to this city denying the statements. In his telegram he says:

"At the beginning I deplored the war, thinking it was not inevitable or indispensable, but since the war is in progress any discussion regarding it would be futile.

"Now that the war has assumed, in Russia, a popular character it can only end with a decisive victory for Russia."

GERMAN AEROPLANE BROUGHT DOWN 10 MILES FROM PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says the Journal, was pursued and brought down by the French air patrol at Pontoise, 19 miles northwest of Paris Sunday.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOES FRENCH ARMORED CRUISER

PARIS, Dec. 24.—It was officially announced today that an Austrian submarine fired two torpedoes at a French armored cruiser in the strait of Otrante, one of them exploding forward. The damage done to the vessel was unimportant. None of the cruiser's crew was injured.

WALTHAM IS SATISFIED

CONVINCED IT COULD NOT AVOID HOSPITAL, IT IS GLAD TO HAVE IT UNDIVIDED BY A STREET

WALTHAM, Dec. 24.—The action of the governor's council in deciding to locate the proposed insane hospital in this city came as no surprise to even the remonstrants of the plan. It has long been the feeling among the people of Waltham that the site selected was one of the best in the state for such an institution, and the strongest opponents of the idea had little hope of accomplishing their purpose.

With this settled in their minds they went about getting at least a modification of the plans and have the land takings all on the north side of Trapelo road, instead of both sides.

The plan which met with the approval of the council today obviates the taking of Cardinal O'Connell's place and also the land now owned by the state and which is used by the Feeble-minded corporation. The extra land taken is in Lexington and Belmont. Therefore, the new hospital will be located in three places instead of in Waltham alone. The grounds will have an entrance on Concord avenue, East Lexington, as well as on Trapelo road, in Waltham. This is believed by all concerned to be the best solution of a much considered proposition.

Co. G. H. Doty, who was one of the most energetic opponents to the location of the hospital here, said last night that while his property would be greatly damaged, he was convinced it would be better for the state and for the people that the institution should be on one side of the street.

KAISER RECEIVES "BUSY BERTHA" SHELL AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

This is a picture of the kaiser's Christmas present, the one he most appreciates. It shows two workmen at the Krupp works carrying a 42-centimeter shell, trimmed with ribbons, to be sent to the emperor for a present. It is the 42-centimeter shell, more than any other one thing, that has enabled the kaiser's troops to plow their way through little Belgium, reducing forts that were thought among the strongest in the world.

XMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Elaborate Musical Programs Prepared for Great Feast—Special Vesper Services Arranged

Tomorrow will be a day of rejoicing in all the Catholic churches of the world, and also in the Episcopal churches, for the day will mark the great feast of the Nativity of Christ. For this occasion the churches have been handsomely decorated and present a very brilliant appearance. The feast is the most important in the Catholic calendar and accordingly elaborate musical programs have been prepared. Solemn high mass will be celebrated in all the Catholic churches, while in the Episcopal churches special services will be conducted. The gospel story of the birth of the Redeemer will be the subject of sermons in all the churches and in the evening vesper services appropriate to the day will be held.

The church musical programs are as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 11 o'Clock
Processional, "There's a Light in the Sky," ..... Ryder
"Nazareth," ..... Gounod
Introit, "Puer Natus..... G. Capocci
Sanctuary Choir.
Kyrie, St. Cecilia ..... Gounod
Gloria ..... Gounod
Gradual, "Viderunt Omnes," J. Falkenstein
Sanctuary Choir.
Credo ..... Gounod
Offertory, "Tui Sunt Coeli," J. B. Tresch
Sanctuary Choir.
Sanctus ..... Gounod
Benedictus ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Communion, "Viderunt,"..J. Falkenstein
Recessional, Christmas Carols

Responses by sanctuary choir of 85 voices, Brother Nilus director.
Church quartet: Miss Alice Murphy, soprano; Mrs. James Morris, contralto; Mr. John McNabb, tenor; Mr. Andrew A. McCarthy, baritone, assisted by Miss Teresa Slattery, Miss Margaret O'Donoghue, Mr. John Keegan, Mr. D. S. O'Brien, and a chorus of 30 voices, with M. J. Johnson at the organ.

Vespers 7 p. m.
Processional, "Angels, We Have Heard" Sanctuary Choir
Psalms and Antephons of the Feast, sung antephonally by the Church and Sanctuary Choir, Plain Chant and Bristow
Hymn, "Jesus Redemptor,".....Mueller
"Magnificat," .....Webbe
"Alma Redemptoris,"....Webbe
Sanctuary Choir.
Benediction, "O Salutaris,".....Faure
Tenor and baritone duet
Motet, "Nato Nobis,"....Van Reyschoot
Tenor solo and chorus
"Tantum Ergo," .....Bossairs
Church choir
"Laudate Dominum"
Recessional, "Christmas Carols,"
Sanctuary choir

At 6 and 8.30 a. m. masses Christmas carols will be sung by the girls' choir, under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Miss Frances Tighe will sing "O, Holy Night" by Adam at the 8.30 o'clock mass. Organist, Mr. John Kelly.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Solemn High Mass, 11 A. M.
Organ prelude—Marche Solennelle, E. Ketterer
Processional hymns—
Angels from the Realms of Glory, Young
'Twas in the Winter Cold, Young
Introit—Puer Natus ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Kyrie—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Gloria—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Graduale—Viderunt Omnes ..Gregorian
Credo—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Church Choir
Offertory—Nato Nobis Salvatore, Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. John McMahon
Sanctus—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Benedictus—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Agnus Dei—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Church Choir
Communion—Adeste Fideles, Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Recessional hymns—
See, Amid the Winter Snow, Old English
In the Lowly Manger Lying..Willard
Chancel Choir
Postlude—Glory Be to God.....Mozart
Church Choir
Organ—Marche De La Reine.....Asher
Soloists in mass: Mrs. Mary Monroe Mooney, Miss Bessie Finnigan, Mr. Geo. Kirwin, Mr. John McMahon.

Solemn Vesper Service, 6.30 P. M.
Organ prelude—Impromptu....Faigler
Canzonetta ..... Freylinger
Triumphal March ..... Marks
Processional hymns—
Angels from the Realms of Glory, Young
'Twas in the Winter Cold....Willard
Chancel Choir
Nato Nobis Salvatore..Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. John McMahon
Adeste Fideles ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
O Holy Night ..... Adam
Mr. George Kirwin
O Salutaris ..... Rossini
Quartet
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambillotte
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. Timothy Finnigan
Adoramus ..... Gregorian
Laudate Dominum ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Recessional hymns—
See, Amid the Winter Snow, Old English
In the Lowly Manger Lying..Willard
Chancel Choir
Postlude—Glory Be to God.....Mozart
Church Choir
Organ—Grand Chorus ..... Baptiste
Church choir of 50 voices, assisted by chancel choir of 60 voices under the direction of Rev. James T. McDermott, O. M. I., and quartet consisting of Mrs. Frank Golden, Miss Bessie Finnigan, Mr. John McMahon, Mr. George Kirwin. Organist and director, Mr. John J. Kelty.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Solemn High Mass at 11 A. M.
St. Cecilia's Mass .....Turner
Sanctuary Choir
Processional—O Holy Night ....Adams
Master John O'Brien, Soloist
Birthday of the King.....Niedlinger
Recessional—Come All Ye Faithful

Gregorian Vespers and Solemn Benediction at 6. 30 P. M.
Ave Verum ..... Falkenstein
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambrotte
The Snow Lay on the Ground; In a Manger Lying Low, and other Christmas Carols sung by 50 little children
A high mass will also be celebrated at 6 a. m.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Solemn high mass at 10.45 a. m. and solemn vespers at 7 p. m.

The music will be sung by the chorus choir and solo quartet and a chancel choir of boys and men (vested) under the direction of Mr. James A. Murphy.

At the solemn mass the revised liturgical, "Messe Solennelle" of Gounod will be sung, and at vespers at 7 o'clock, the Psalms by Leitner, set to the Falsobordono style of church music will be sung from the choir gallery by the Sanctuary choir and church quartet.

During the mass and at Vespers the arrangement by Novello of the Adeste Fideles will be sung by the chancel choir (a capella.)

Soloists: Mrs. James A. Murphy, soprano; Miss Margaret Griffin, contralto; Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, bass; Mr. James A. Murphy, tenor; Miss Ella M. Reilly, organist.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 11 a. m.
March of the Magi .....Dubois
Processional .....Gounod
Introit, "Puer Natus est,"
Kyrie, "Mary Mughanen," ....Turner
Gloria .....Turner
Graduale, "Viderunt omnes,"
Credo .....Turner
Adeste Fidelis .....Traditional
Offertory "Tui Sunt coeli,"
Nato nobis salvatore ..Van Reyschoot
Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei Turner
Communion, "Viderunt omnes,"
Recessional .....Busser

Solemn Vespers at 7
Pastorale .....Guilmant
Processional, "Hosannah," ....Dubois
Dominus, Confitebor, Beatus Vir, De Profundis, Memento Domine, Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor," Traditional
Magnificat .....Mazort
Alma Redemptoris .....Rotoli
O Salutaris .....Vinne
Tantum Ergo .....Widor
Laudate Dominum .....Gregorian
Recessional .....Boslet

The chorus of 50 voices will be assisted by the folowing soloists: Miss Mary Whitely, soprano; Miss Vert McArdell, contralto; Mr. Harry Hopkins, tenor; Mr. James Donnelly, baritone, Mr. Joseph Egan, cantor; Miss Caroline White, organist.

At the 9 o'clock mass the girls' choir will sing Christmas carols and Mrs. N. G. Leahey will sing "Sleep Holy Babe," by Beck.
N. G. Leahey will sing.....

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

High mass at 10.45
Organ prelude, Pastorale .....Baptiste
Asperges .....Gregorian
Kyrie, Mass in F .....Rosewig
Gloria .....Rosewig
Credo .....Rosewig
Ave Maria .....Millard
Miss Catharine Hennessey
Adeste Fideles
Sanctus, Mass in F .....Rosewig
Benedictus .....Rosewig
Agnus Dei .....Rosewig
Organ Postlude,
"Marche des Flambeaux" Scotson Clark

Vespers at 7.30 p. m.
Organ Prelude, Nocturne
Five Gregorian Psalms, Dixit Dominus, Confitabor Tib, Beatus Vir, Laudate Pueri, Laudate Dominum.
Jesu Redemptor Omnium .....Abt

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THAW SEEMS DOOMED TO ASYLUM UNLESS HE SPRINGS NEW SURPRISE

HARRY K. THAW PLANNING NEW LEGAL FIGHT

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Harry Kendall Thaw, who shot and killed Stanford White, will be returned to New York from New Hampshire, his present place of refuge, to be tried on the charge of conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum. He may or may not be recommitted to the asylum. The supreme court of the United States in a unanimous opinion held that Thaw was not entitled to a writ of habeas corpus granted him by United States Judge Aldrich for the district of New Hampshire, and for that reason reversed the judgment of the lower court. A mandate in the case will be handed down inside of thirty days, and until that occurs Thaw will remain in custody in New Hampshire unless there is some other sensational turn to the case. This apparently will end Thaw's remarkable fight to keep out of the clutches of the New York state authorities, which began with his escape from Matteawan on Aug. 17, 1913. It is the opinion of persons who have followed the case that Thaw will be formally arraigned on the conspiracy case when he gets back into the jurisdiction of New York and that then a lunacy commission will again pass upon him. This may result in his recommitment to Matteawan, even before a trial on the conspiracy charge. That he is headed for Matteawan is generally conceded.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—Harry K. Thaw was dumbfounded by the supreme court decision. For the first time since his escape from New York he had nothing to give to the newspapers. Thaw has leased one of the finest residences in the city for the winter. He has gained the favor of nearly all of the residents, and it was only several days ago that a mass meeting of prominent women was held and went on record as being in favor of the freeing of Thaw. Many receptions have been held at the Thaw home and visits have been made there by Mrs. Thaw and his sisters. To churches and to the benevolent societies Thaw has given freely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Since the night of June 25, 1906, when Thaw killed White on the roof of Madison Square Garden, hardly six months went by without some form of litigation backed by the great fortune of the Thaw family. There were the two trials, one interrupted by a lunacy commission. There were five separate inquiries along the same line, in all of which the order of Justice Dowling committing him to Matteawan as an insane criminal was upheld. There have been various collateral suits, such as the freeing of other men in the asylum, to show an ineffective law which might be knocked out in behalf of Thaw, and all the time there has been now one group and now another agitating, working, contriving, petitioning, all with the purpose of freeing the man. The escape of Thaw from Matteawan on Sunday morning, Aug. 17, 1913, was in furtherance of another scheme. There was his flight to Canada and his subsequent capture in New Hampshire.

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YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS

If your child is troubled with constipation, try putting castor oil in molasses cookies. They will not taste a bit of the oil and help a lot.

When baby is teething and his gums are swollen and hard, rub on some lime water. This softens the gums and helps the tooth to come through, besides easing the pain.

When baby is too small to wear underdrawers, a nice way to keep his legs warm is to take old worn stockings, cut the foot off so it will fit on his hip nicely, put them on under his stockings and to keep them on pin them on to his other band.

The best bottles for a bottle baby are those that are round and cylindrical and have a narrow neck for the attachment of the nipple.

The one important requirement is that they have no corners on the inside, being rounded both at the bottom and at the top where the neck begins. This shape of the inside of the bottle enables it to be cleansed thoroughly.

It is best to get as many bottles as there are feedings in 24 hours, also buy a wire bottle rack to hold them when the food is made up for the day.

I made a very pretty bassinet for baby out of two oblong clothes baskets. I bought two good sized baskets and removed the handles from both so that the one that rested on the floor was quite firm. Upon this one I placed the other, then I wired the two together so that they could be carried safely from place to place.

Two coats of white enamel came next for the outside and for the inside of the upper basket a dainty but simple lining of white dotted swiss over chintz of the color desired for baby.

To complete the daintiness I bought four yards of satin ribbon five inches wide, of the same color as the chintz and made a narrow hem in each edge. Through each hem I put a narrow elastic and slipped the ribbon easily over the basket.

If you are living in a drafty apartment you will find this an excellent way to keep baby warm, safe and free from colds. Get a packing box about thirty inches high. Line the bottom and inner sides with cotton batting or an old quilt, being careful to pad the top edge quite heavily.

Then cover the inside and outside with calico, cretonne or any material of fast color. Place several thicknesses of newspapers on the bottom. While baby can only sit up, several pillows well protected with pads and an oil cloth or rubber sheet should be placed inside the box.

This will raise the baby's face above the edge of the box, enabling her to get fresh air. When baby begins to stand the pillows can be taken out and she will have a safe place in which to take her first steps. If four casters are screwed on the bottom of this box, baby can easily be wheeled from one part of the house to another.

In arranging a birthday party for children I once used a scheme that was both pretty and fireproof.

Instead of putting the birthday candles on a cake, as we had done before I stood them in a low, broad cutglass bowl, with the bottom covered with white stones and pebbles to support the candles firmly.

I partly filled the bowl with water and scattered apple blossoms over the water so that the candles seemed to rise from the flowers. This was used as a centrepiece, the candles being lighted at the beginning of the luncheon.

Women with babies will find this powder very economical. Get ten ounces of talc and one ounce of boracic acid at the drug store. Add ten ounces cornstarch. Mix and sift together four or five times.

A little orris root may be added to perfume it, if desired.

Cornstarch can often be used as a baby powder when even the best prepared powders disagree. No two skins are exactly alike, so what agrees with one may only chafe another.

AUTOMATIC ALARM SOUNDED

An automatic alarm was sounded at 9.17 o'clock this morning when a sprinkler head burst in the Parker block in Middle street. Several pieces of fire apparatus were rushed to the scene before it was discovered that there was no blaze.

FELL ON ICY SIDEWALK

While on his way to work about 6.45 o'clock this morning, Joseph Ivers, of 350 Bridge street, slipped on the icy sidewalk and fell heavily to the pavement. He was hurt so badly that the ambulance was summoned at once and the injured man removed to his home. His right hip was injured by the fall.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS —FROM— LOWELL

To the Following Points:

MAINE		Waterville	1.00	Lee	.60	Worcester	.25
Augusta	.80	MASSACHUSETTS		Marlboro	.20	NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Bangor	1.25	Boston	.20	Middleboro	.35	Berlin	.60
Bar Harbor	1.45	Brockton	.30	Milford	.25	Claremont	.50
Bath	.70	Buzzards Bay	.50	New Bedford	.45	Concord	.30
Belfast	1.05	Clinton	.20	Newburyport	.20	Dover	.30
Biddeford	.45	Fall River	.40	North Adams	.60	Exeter	.25
Brunswick	.70	Fitchburg	.25	Northampton	.40	Franklin	.40
Dover	1.35	Framingham	.25	No. Attleboro	.35	Keene	.35
Ellsworth	1.35	Franklin	.30	Pittsfield	.65	Laconia	.40
Gardiner	.80	Gardner	.30	Plymouth	.40	Lancaster	.75
Houlton	1.75	Great Barrington	.65	Springfield	.50	Littleton	.70
Lewiston	.70	Greenfield	.40	Taunton	.35	Manchester	.20
Portland	.55	Holyoke	.45	Walpole	.30	No. Conway	.70
Rockland	.90	Hyannis	.55	Wareham	.40	Peterboro	.30
Rumford	.80			Winchendon	.30		

Plymouth	.50						
Portsmouth	.30						
Rochester	.35						
Woodsville	.65						
VERMONT							
Bellows Falls	.45						
Bennington	.60						
Brattleboro	.40						
Burlington	.95						
Montpelier	.75						
Newport	1.05						
Rutland	.65						
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Atlantic City, N. J.	2.00	Chicago, Ill.	6.00	New York, N. Y.	1.25	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	1.25
Baltimore, Md.	2.50	Detroit, Mich.	4.50	Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	Washington, D. C.	2.75

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Stock Market Closing Prices, Dec. 23

FOR COMPLETE REPORT OF TODAY'S CLOSING PRICES SEE LATER EDITION

BOSTON MARKET

	High	Low	Close
RAILROADS			
Boston Elevated	95	95	95
Bos & Maine	38	38	38
Fitchburg pf	76	76	76
N Y & N H	50½	54½	53½
MINING			
Alaska Gold	25	24	24¼
Allouez	35	35	35
Am zinc	15½	15	15
Arcadian	5¾	5¾	5¾
Butter & Sup	34⅞	33½	33½
Cal & Ariz	54¾	54	54
Cal & Hecla	360	350	350
Chino	21¾	21¾	21¾
Copper Range	31¼	30¼	30¼
E Butte	8¼	8¼	8¼
Franklin	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
Greene-Cananea	24	23¾	23¾
Lake	5⅝	5¼	5¼
Mayflower	4¾	4¾	4¾
Miami	17¾	17	17
Nevada	11¾	11¾	11¾
Nipissing	6½	6	6
North Butte	22½	21	21
Ray Cons	15½	15	15
Shannon	5	5	5
Superior & Boston	1⅞	1¾	1¾
Tamarack	25	25	25
Trinity	3	3	3
U S Smelt	25½	24½	25
U S Smelt pf	43½	43	43
Utah-Apex	2	2	2
Utah Cons	10	9¾	10
Winona	2	2	2
Wolverine	33½	30	30
TELEPHONE			
Am Tel & Tel	115	116¾	116¾
New England Tel	129½	129½	129½
MISCELLANEOUS			
Am Ag Chem pf	90	90	90
Am Pneu pf	17½	17½	17½
Am Woolen pf	75½	75	75
Mass Elec	9	9	9
Pond Creek	13	13	13
Swift & Co	104¼	104	104
United Fruit	115	115	115
United Sh M	54½	54	54
United Sh M pf	29¼	28½	28½

MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mercantile paper 4a4½. Sterling exchange firm, 60 day bills 4.8275; for cable 4.8760; for demand 4.86. Bar silver 48⅝. Mexican dollars 37½. Government bonds heavy. Railroad bonds weak.

Call money steady; high 3; low 2¾; ruling rate 3; last loan 3; closing bid 2¾; offered at 3. Time loans easy; 60 and 90 days and six months 3¾a4.

VERY DULL AT OPENING

SALES IN FIRST HOUR AMOUNTED TO BUT 20,000 SHARES—MARKET FLUCTUATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Early trading in today's stock market pointed to continuance of the recent dull and narrow movement. A majority of the active issues were unchanged or at fractions above and below yesterday's prices. Reading was the only stock to move more than a slight fraction gaining 7-8 which it soon lost. Steel was a trifle lower at the outset, but recovered on dealings which included a block of 100a shares. Otherwise the overturn was in small lots and by the end of the first 30 minutes these fell away to minor fractions with a lower trend.

Apart from its record-breaking dullness—sales in the first hour amounting to little more than 20,000 shares, the market was featureless throughout the morning. St. Paul, Reading and Rock Island sold under yesterday's low prices, likewise Amalgamated and a few of the cheaper copper stocks. Bethlehem Steel lost three points of its recent advance and New Haven fell back a point. Numerous sales of Steel were effected at 48⅛, yesterday's low, but attempts to break through that quotation were unavailing until just before noon when the price fell to 48 1-2. The features of the boring were two-point declines in Wabash fours and Minneapolis & St. Louis fours.

An unusual situation was reached in the early afternoon when Steel fell to its minimum price of 48. Many other prominent stocks were off one to three points and new low prices were established all around.

Further recessions were made in the later dealings, other stocks selling at or near their minima. The close was weak.

BOSTON MARKET

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Very light trading marked the opening hours on the local exchange today. Values continued weak, North Butte selling at 22 1-4 and Calumet & Arizona at 51½. Prices rallied slightly at noon.

NEW YORK MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Amal Copper	53½	49¾	49¾
Am Beet Sugar	33	30¾	31
Am Can	24¼	23¼	23¼
Am Car & Fn	46	45	45
Am Locomo	23	22	22
Am Smelt & R	57	54¾	55
Anaconda	25½	24¾	24¾
Atchison	92½	90	90
Balt & Ohio	69½	67¼	67¼
Balt & O pf	69⅞	69	69
Br Rap Tran	85¼	84	84
Canadian Pa	156⅝	153⅝	153¾
Cent Leather	27⅛	26⅞	26⅞
Ches & Ohio	42¼	41¼	41¼
Col Fuel	24	23	23
Consol Gas	112½	112½	112½
Den & R G pf	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
Erie	22	21¼	21¼
Erie 1st pf	34⅛	33½	33½
Gen Elec	138	137⅛	137¾
Gt North pf	113	111⅞	112
Gt N Ore ctf	25½	25	25
Illinois Cen	108	108	108
Int Met Com	12	11⅞	11⅞
Int Met pf	50	50	50
Lehigh Valley	131	130¾	130¾
Missouri Pa	10⅛	9¾	9¾
N Y Central	83¼	81¾	81¾
Nor & West	99¾	98¾	99
No Am Co	66½	66⅛	66⅛
North Pacific	100	97¾	97¾
Pnt & West	20¼	20½	20½
Pennsylvania	106⅞	102½	102½
People's Gas	118	116	116
Pressed Steel	35	34¾	34¾
Reading	144¾	140¼	140⅝
Rock Is	1	70c	70c
Rock Is pf	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝
St Paul	87⅛	85	85
So. Pacific	82⅝	81	81⅛
Tenn Copper	30⅞	29⅝	29⅝
Texas Pac	12½	12⅛	12½
Third Ave	35¾	35	35¼
Union Pacific	116¾	113½	113¾
Union Pac pf	79¾	79¾	79¾
U S Rub	53½	51⅞	51⅞
U S Rub pf	101½	101¼	101¼
U S Steel	49	48	48
U S Steel pf	104½	103¾	103¾
U S Steel 5s	100¾	100⅜	100½
Utah Copper	47¼	46¾	46¾
Westinghouse	63½	60¾	60¾
Western Un	57	56⅞	56⅞

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cotton futures opened steady. First prices: Dec. 7.40; March, 7.76; May 7.97; July, 8.12; October, 8.38.

The close was barely steady. Last prices: Dec., 7.30; Jan., 7.48; March, 7.53; May, 7.81; July, 7.98; Oct., 8.23.

Cotton spot closed steady. Middling Uplands 7.65. Sales, 200 bales.

OUR OLDEST CONSTABLE

J. S. Lapierre Has Served 33 Years—He Tells of His Service Under Uncle Sam

For the 39th consecutive time J. S. Lapierre of this city has filed his application with the municipal council for appointment as a constable for the city of Lowell, and inasmuch as Mr. Lapierre has served the city in the capacity of constable for 38 years, he entertains no fear for his reappointment. Mr. Lapierre, who will observe the 77th anniversary of his birth on Feb. 20 next, has the distinction of being the oldest constable in Lowell, not only in age but in point of service.

Mr. Lapierre is a native of St. Charles, Que. He came to this city 53 years ago and shortly after his arrival he went to Shirley, Mass., where he secured employment in a brick yard. After working there a year, he returned to Lowell and secured employment at a wire factory, where he operated a loom.

In 1861, when the Civil war broke out, Mr. Lapierre enlisted in the service of the north and was sent south to fell trees, the timber, which was of extra grade, being sent to Washington. In 1863 he was transferred to Fortress Monroe, where he acted as helper in the government bake shop. After working there six weeks he was transferred to Norfolk, Va., where he attended the great celebration in connection with the freedom of the southern slaves.

From Norfolk Mr. Lapierre went to Washington and later returned to Lowell. Thirty-eight years ago he made application for an appointment as constable and was successful. At that time there were two constables in this city, J. H. Gullet, now a prominent attorney-at-law, and a man named Hill. Business in this line was particularly good in those days, for the mill operatives were being paid monthly and there were more bills to collect. Mr. Lapierre says he never had the least trouble in his long career as constable, for he made it his business to be polite and not take upon himself too much authority.

Speaking about his early days in Lowell he says he saw this city grow, for when he arrived here its population was about 27,000. There was but one small house in the Little Canada district, so-called and that was a tool shed owned by the Locks & Canals Co. He said upon his arrival at the Middlesex street station he asked a cabman to take him to the home of a man named Dufresne. This man lived across the street from the railroad station, but the newcomer did not know it. The cabman drove him around a few streets and then took him back to the railroad station and collected 25 cents for the ride.

French-Americans in Lowell 55 years ago numbered about 300 and among the most prominent were Joseph Miller and Louis Bergeron, who had arrived a few years previously, walking from the Dominion of Canada to the Spindle City. Mr. Lapierre was more fortunate, however, for he had a few dollars in his possession, but it took him two days to reach this city from St. Hyacinthe, Que.

Mr. Lapierre also holds the distinction of being the only public administrator for Lowell and surrounding cities in the county of Middlesex, his appointment being from the governor. In conversation with the writer, the subject of this story told of an estate he is now endeavoring to settle as public administrator. It is that of a woman who died about a year ago in Tewksbury and who left no known relative. The woman's estate consists of $1000 in cash, a building and a large tract of land in Tewksbury. The woman's debts and burial expenses were paid and there is about $2000 left in the estate, this money to be turned to the state in a year providing no legal claimant is found.

Mr. Lapierre, despite his advanced age, is enjoying the best of health and attends to his duties regularly. He is a well educated man, having studied law in Canada for four years, and is one of the best known members of St. Joseph's parish.

PURCHASING AGT. FOYE

HE IS HUNTED BY PIANO AGENTS WHEREVER HE GOES —ALL KINDS FOR SALE

The purchase of ten $50 pianos has caused more work and worry in the purchasing agent's office than has the purchase of automobiles for the water and fire departments—and that's going some.

Purchasing Agent Foye doesn't worry because the deepest hole in the world has been bored in Silesia, but the piano business has corralled his goat. There are two things, he says, that one cannot keep down. One is a good thermometer and the other a man or woman with a piano for sale. It's a very trying duty to serve on a jury—don't let that get away—and Mr. Foye has performed that trying duty, but never in his life has he experienced anything like the piano business. And the worst of it is the poor fellow is getting slammed right and left. Why? Because he won't buy 500 pianos a minute.

There were men in the basement at city hall yesterday who were white with rage because they couldn't find the purchasing agent. They said he was worse than any African dodger they had ever tried to scalp on the midway. One fellow said if he didn't get him today he would go home and sleep with him tonight so as to be sure of him in the morning. And while all these mean things were being said, the purchasing agent, poor man, was out looking at pianos. Mr. Foye is not omnipresent.

Besides the men and women who called at the purchasing agent's office to inform him they had pianos for sale, at least 100 telephone calls were received and it seemed to him, he said, as if every man, woman and child in Lowell had a piano they wanted to dispose of. Somebody said that Martin Conley, the man who looks after the affairs of state at the Chelmsford street hospital, had a "grand square" that he would like to dispose of. Mr. Conley, however, denies the soft impeachment. He says there is a piano at the hospital, but he doesn't want to sell it and couldn't if he wanted to because it doesn't belong to him.

But there are pianos enough in the market without depriving the inmates of the Chelmsford street hospital of an occasional tune, and the strangest thing of all is that every man and woman who has called at the purchasing agent's office, or telephoned, has used this expression: "The piano is just as good as new. All it needs is tuning." So the purchasing agent has made up his mind that whatever pianos he purchases will have to be tuned.

There are very dear friends of the purchasing agent who have pianos for sale; schoolmates, playmates and others, and it makes it rather hard for him. But Mr. Foye says he will be true to his oath of office and will cast friendship aside so far as the piano business is concerned. Yet the things the poor man has been called within the last few days would make the remarks of a London fish peddler to his runaway horse sound like a violin prelude. They couldn't be sent through the mails without bursting every known law on profanity. And he hasn't purchased a piano yet.

TO ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Manchester Coal & Ice company will be held in this city on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 20. The meeting will be called at 2 o'clock at the C. M. A. C. hall in Pawtucket street.

The annual report of the treasurer and secretary will be read and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. The present officers of the company are as follows: William H. Marcotte, Jr., president; A. J. Preconi, treasurer; John T. Lesasseur, director; William H. Marcotte, Sr., general manager; Judge H. E. Loveren, secretary and E. J. Larochelle, clerk.

LINERS IN COLLISION

LIVERPOOL, England, Dec. 23.—The Red Star liner Zeeland, which has just sailed for Portland, Me., came back and anchored in the river today after having been slightly damaged in a collision with the British steamship El Paraguayo.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Newlands gave notice in the senate today he would defer until next session o congress his plan to co-ordinate river and harbor improvements into a broad national scheme of waterway developments. He said President Wilson was in favor of the plan but unwilling to press it at this session.

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CRUISE TO SO. AMERICA

PROPOSED TRIP OF STEAMSHIP FINLAND IN INTERESTS OF TRADE HAS BEEN ABANDONED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The proposed cruise to South America of the steamship Finland under the auspices of a local financial institution has been abandoned. The reason advanced was that the merchants, manufacturers and bankers of the country apparently are not ready at any time to take advantage of the opportunity to begin a campaign for a trade conquest of the Latin-American countries.

The enterprise was extensively advertised but owing to the limited time in which to prepare for it the business interests that were depended on largely to support it could not, it was said, make the necessary arrangements.

FUNERALS

GINGRAS—The funeral of Dorothee Gingras took place yesterday afternoon from the home of the parents, Alphonse and Isabelle Gingras, 156 Jewett street. Services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Craig, who also officiated at the grave in the Edson cemetery. Among the floral offerings were tributes from the parents, Miss Nora Trufax, Walter and Raymond Costello. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

TWENTY-FIVE INDICTMENTS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Twenty-five indictments charging the nonpayment of a federal tax on colored oleomargarine were returned by the federal grand jury here today. The indictments are the result of an investigation conducted by Robert W. Childs, assistant attorney general, who was sent here at the request of District Attorney Dyer to prosecute the tax evaders.

TROLLEY WIRE BROKEN

The street car traffic on the Gorham street and Billerica line was tied up for some time yesterday as a result of a trolley wire breaking between Manchester and Fay streets. All cars were obliged to use the outgoing rail while the break was being repaired.

$50,000 LOSS BY FIRE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.—Damage estimated at more than $50,000 has been done today by fire that attacked the cotton cargo of the Swedish steamer Orion which was beached off Charleston when she threatened to sink. The Orion was bound from Savannah to Europe.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Both houses of congress adjourned today for a Christmas holiday recess.

MONOPOLY IMPOSSIBLE

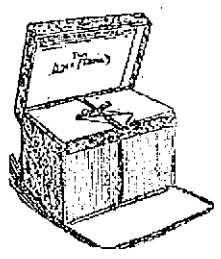
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—G. M. Dahl, director in several corporations in the so-called General Electric group, told the senate lands committee today that any monopoly of developed or undeveloped hydro-electric energy was impossible.

LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS AT MONEY SAVING PRICES.

BRASS ASH TRAYS

In sets of four. Very attractive and offer an unusual, practical gift. Packed in a neat box. A set..... 33c

STATIONERY IN CHRISTMAS BOXES



Very attractive box, containing 24 sheets of paper and 24 cards. 48 Envelopes to match. At 50c

Other Boxes from 25c Up

FANCY SATIN COMFORT HOUSE SLIPPERS

Pink, blue and red; high cut with soft soles. Each pair in satin case to match material of the slippers. Per pair.... 75c

IVORY PYRALIN "THE TOILET WARE BEAUTIFUL"

This dainty toilet ware is today in demand by every lady of refinement, being a reproduction difficult to determine from the genuine elephant ivory. Our assortment is the most complete to be found at any store, and our low prices will appeal to you.....29c to $8.19

LOONEN'S PARISIAN IVORY

Large assortment to select from. Lowest prices.

The Latest In TOURIST CASES

A large assortment.

EXTRA SPECIAL

FANCY SELECTED Mixed Nuts

We offer these nuts as the very best that can be procured. They have been carefully selected for their extra fine quality and freshness, consisting of an assortment of

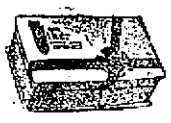
English Walnuts Filberts Castanas Pecans IN BOXES OF Almonds

2 Lbs. FOR 25c

CONFECTIONERY

What token could better express your thoughtfulness than a gift of a Fancy Basket or a Dainty Box filled with our Choice Confectionery? Riker Confections are supreme attainments of master candy craftsmen and always meet the favor of the most fastidious.

RIKER CHOCOLATES



The Chocolates De Lux

Their supreme quality meets the favor of the most critical candy connoisseur. In Riker chocolates one will find all the most expensive and delectable fillings.

½ lb. 50c 1 lb. $1

EXCELLO CHOCOLATES

Excel All Chocolates at Their Price

An assortment of rich cream, fruit and nut centres, topped with dark brown chocolate. In special Christmas boxes.

½ lb. 30c 1 lb. 60c

VENDOME CHOCOLATES

The Popular 80c Mixture

Each piece carefully selected to make an assortment pleasing to those who enjoy nut, fruit and chewing centres.

½ lb. 40c 1 lb. 80c

DAINTY BOXES

Attractively designed, tied with ribbon and filled with an especially choice assortment of chocolates.

40c and Upwards

AUSTRIAN FOUREES

A dainty imported confection of ground nuts, raisins, honey, etc., with a sugar coating, made in shapes of nuts, leaves, etc.

Half Pound 29c Pound 57c

RIBBON CANDY

Made of pure sugar, assorted flavors, in two-pound boxes 25c

FANCY BASKETS

In many different designs, well made, and offer themselves for innumerable after uses. Filled with chocolates.

$2.50 and Upwards

CIGARS

You might hesitate in buying a man a box of cigars, thinking perhaps you wouldn't get the kind that satisfied him. You can buy any of our brands with the positive assurance that he will thank you, as they are carefully selected for their extra fine smoking qualities. We keep them always in their best smoking condition, and our enormous sales allow us to give better values than can be obtained elsewhere. Packed in boxes of 25, 50, 100.

JAYNES LIMITED

One of the most popular cigars we sell. In the popular Boston londres shape, made of choice Havana with an imported Sumatra wrapper. A cigar that will give absolute satisfaction to any smoker.

Box of 25.....$1.50
Box of 50.....$3.00

EL TEMA

A perfecto shaped cigar made of the finest Havana and a Sumatra wrapper. It is not equalled in smoking qualities by many 15c cigars.

A Boilre Nature

Packing of 50 Cigars, $4.00

Toys

LOWEST PRICES—LARGE ASSORTMENT

Teddy Bears.....25c and up
Cats, Dogs, Bisque Dolls, $1.18 to $1.78
"Mama" Dolls.....98c
Kewpie Dolls.....24c and up
Young America Boy, unbreakable 98c
Meccano.....$1.00 to $10.00
Celluloid Dolls.....19c up
Chime Balls.....10c up

For Xmas

The latest Household article—Sterno Solid Alcohol Cooking Outfit..... $5.00

COFFEE PERCOLATOR

A percolator insures a perfect cup of coffee. Made of aluminum. A remarkable value at..... 1.25

GERMAN IVORY CLOCKS

A very handsome little clock, for a dressing table, made of imported ivory and a good time piece..... 98c

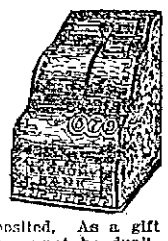
Others from.....$1.19 to $8.98

KEWPIE CLOCKS

A clock of blue bisque ornamented with Kewpies, 98c to $1.49

FIVE COIN ECONOMY

SAVINGS BANKS



The most interesting bank made—it registers and adds pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars. Cannot be opened until $10 is deposited. As a gift for a child it cannot be duplicated 98c

CAMERAS

A gift for the child that will bring amusement to the whole family.

No. 0 Brownie $1.25

Kodaks, $6 to $25

Photo Albums, 29c Upwards

GOOD THINGS TO EAT AND DRINK

Something New GRAPEFRUITOLA

Crushed Fruit Marmalade, made of ripe, luscious Grapefruit, absolutely pure. Delicious served with crackers.

10c and 25c

CHERRIES

True Maraschino Flavor

Ours are the very finest quality of imported cherries, put up in true Maraschino Liqueur. Nothing nicer obtainable. A bottle

15c, 25c, 40c

Olive Oil

Fine quality Virgin Olive Oil, imported by us direct from the producers in Grasse, France, and bottled in our own laboratory in sterilized containers.

½ Pt. 35c. Pt. 60c. Qt. 1.00

Riker's Flavoring Extract

Absolutely pure, made from the fruit, strong and wholesome; may be had in Vanilla, Orange, Lemon, Almonds 17c

Loose Sage

In Cartons. ¼ lb..... 10c

Airline Honey

We consider this honey the finest produced. It has that delicious flavor you get only from pure honey. In two styles, clear in glass jars and in the comb.

10c, 15c, 25c, 50c

GRAPE JUICE

For Christmas Dinner

PINTS QUARTS ½ GAL.

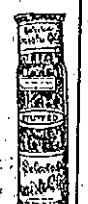
25c 45c 80c

Maillard's NEW YORK

BREAKFAST COCOA

Absolutely pure, its fine flavor is unequalled, a palatable breakfast cocoa, ½-lb. can, 25c

Choice Selected SPANISH OLIVES



These Olives are selected especially for us. They are the finest procurable, large and delicious. Both plain and stuffed.

10c, 25c, 35c, 60c

877 COFFEE

Blended to meet the requirements of the lover of an exceptional choice cup of coffee, a lb. 29c

14 Stores In Boston, 101 Stores in the United States
119-123 MERRIMACK STREET

RIKER-JAYNES DRUG STORE

You are SAFE when you buy at RIKER-JAYNES

INARI TEA

An expert selection of the choicest tea leaves scientifically blended. Oolong, Ceylong, English Breakfast.

½ lb. 27c
1 lb. 50c

BELGIAN KING THANKS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS IN WEST FLANDERS, BELGIUM, Sunday, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 23.—In the council chamber of an ancient Flemish town hall, from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war-worn little army blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert of the Belgians today told the Associated Press of the stand his soldiers are making against the German invaders. The king's headquarters is located on one of the remaining dry areas of that small corner of Belgium left under his rule.

King Albert also requested the Associated Press to convey to the people of the United States his deep gratitude for their efforts to feed his subjects now under German military rule.

The monarch was alone when the correspondent was admitted to the council chamber, not even an aide being present. The king's tall, angular, Lincoln-like form was clothed in the simple undress uniform of a general of artillery, which was without insignia, beyond braided shoulder straps, to distinguish him from a staff officer.

Physically King Albert looks hardened, but lines of care show in his otherwise youthful face. In manner he is decidedly shy, and he apologized for his English, which, however, was very fluent. The light from a smoky oil lamp barely penetrated the recesses of the great beamed hall, from the walls of which empty picture frames stared down.

When the king saw the eyes of the correspondent fixed on those blank spaces, where a few months ago invaluable Flemish canvases hung, he smiled, and said he no longer expected the Germans to be in a position even to take the frames.

Soldiers His Children

Modestly he praised the courage of his soldiers, speaking of them with great kindness—as though he was talking about his children. "I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when tomorrow you shall have the chance to witness the peasants working in their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the loss of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief."

When Edgar Sengeer, Belgian attache to the American commission for the relief of Belgium, entered and presented King Albert with a report from the commission showing that enough food was in sight to feed his people until Feb. 12, the king turned quickly to the correspondent, saying: "Will you be kind enough to carry to the American people my deep gratitude."

He then wrote in English the following:

Message to Americans

"The magnificent generosity of the American people in forwarding immense quantities of gifts of foodstuffs to my suffering people affords me intense satisfaction and touches me very deeply.

"In this my country's hour of trial nothing has supported me more than the sympathy and the superb generosity of those who have assisted in materially lessening the same; and I desire to offer my deepest thanks and at the same time to convey a message of good will for the new year.

(Signed) "Albert,
"King of the Belgians."

King Albert was also anxious to have the American people know, as he put it, the facts of the story of how his troops, demoralized and disorganized by their disheartening retreat almost across the entire limits of their own country, turned at bay along the Yser and held back the Germans there at frightful cost in killed and wounded to their army, and of the most incalculable loss suffered in the deliberate inundation by its owners of the most valuable agricultural part of the country.

700 Killed in One Battle

"In one of those terrible nine days in the trenches along the Yser," the king said, "I know that 700 of our brave Belgian soldiers were killed outright." He continued:

"I believe that I am not claiming too much to say our army saved Dunkirk and Calais at the battle of the Yser."

The king spoke with the warmest affection for his soldiers now in the trenches, praising their good spirits. When the correspondent expressed a desire to see the Belgian soldiers actually in the trenches, he said:

"You may, but I cannot promise that this will be without risk. Mrs. Asquith expressed the same desire while she was visiting my wife a short time ago. When the party was taken to the second line of trenches a big German shell fell nearby, and it did not make our guests feel comfortable."

When the correspondent inquired as to the king's own safety King Albert replied:

"We must live under shell fire here."

Later inspection showed this remark to be literally true, as scarcely a square mile of Belgium left under the rule of her king is free from the danger of shell fire.

SKATING AT SHEDD PARK

SUPT. KERNAN SAYS THE ICE IS NOW IN FIRST CLASS CONDITION FOR IT

There is good skating at Shedd park, for John Woodbury Kernan himself hath said it. Mr. Kernan is superintendent of parks, the year round, and he spoke today in glowing terms of the condition of the ice at the Shedd park skating rink. "We worked all day yesterday and until 7 o'clock last night flooding the rink," said Mr. Kernan, "and the rink is in the pink of condition today. I was afraid that we wouldn't have skating for Christmas and I was glad that everything came out all right. I hope we will not have any more snow until after Christmas. I think the skating rink at Shedd park affords more amusement to the boys and girls, and their elders, too, than anything else in Lowell. Don't forget to put a notice in The Sun that there's good skating at Shedd park. We want all the boys and girls in Lowell to know it."

WAS BORN IN LOWELL

ELIAS A. McQUAID APPOINTED ASSISTANT PRIVATE SECRETARY BY GOV. WALSH

The only nomination sent by Governor Walsh to the executive council at its meeting yesterday was that of Elias A. McQuaid, a Boston newspaper man, to be his assistant private secretary. The position has been vacant since August, when Thomas H. Connolly, who, until that time had been the governor's assistant private secretary since Gov. Walsh took office, succeeded Judge John P. Meaney, now of the public service commission, as secretary.

Mr. McQuaid's nomination was unanimously confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McQuaid has been a member of the press gallery of the state house ten years and has a wide acquaintance among Massachusetts public men. He is a native of Lowell, where he was born May 10, 1873. He attended the public schools and a private high school at Manchester, N. H., where, at the age of 17, he entered the employ of the late Col. John B. Clarke on the Evening Mirror.

He reported several sessions of the New Hampshire legislature and spent the summer of 1898 at Chickamauga park with the 1st New Hampshire Volunteers. About 10 years ago Mr. McQuaid was made the state house representative of the Boston Traveler. Afterward he entered the service of the American, which he has represented in many important capacities.

The newest member of the governor's staff lives in Pinckney street, close by the state house. He is married and has three children. His only affiliation is with the Boston Press club.

PORT OF BANGOR CLOSED

SUDDEN DROP OF FIVE BELOW ZERO CAUGHT SHIPS—14 BELOW AT BRUNSWICK

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 24.—The port of Bangor closed yesterday with the sudden drop to five below zero Tuesday night. The fishing schooner Lizzie Griffin, discharging fish, was frozen in, but released by the tug Ralph Ross, which broke open a channel after butting the ice several hours.

The Brewer Ferry steamer was hauled off her route, two or three inches of ice forming in her channel. The port has been open about the average time. In 1913 the river closed on Dec. 29.

Winterport will be the head of navigation on the Penobscot until spring.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

SUN FEATURES SATURDAY

They Do Say, Mrs. Ray's Menus, Real Estate Page, and Others for The Sun Readers

The main feature of Saturday's Sun will be the Real Estate and Builders' Page, which will be replete with matter of general interest. It will contain in addition to the news of the local building and real estate operations, a valuable directory of real estate men and contractors.

"They Do Say" will be another feature of Saturday's Sun. Everyone reads these bright little paragraphs which deal with affairs of general interest.

Marie, "The French Maid," will describe a new decoration for the home. She will also tell how to give an attractive appearance to an ordinary plain desk.

"The Rabbit's Foot" will tell how to grow plump and how to care for the hands. Many people judge others by the appearance of their hands. The use of poor soaps is often injurious. This article will contain helpful information.

"Independent Pussy" and "The Rose Fairy" are the sleepytime tales which will be printed for the children on Saturday.

Mrs. Ray's Low Cost Menus for the entire week will be included in The Sun features on Saturday.

AT BRUNSWICK 14 BELOW

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 24.—Yesterday was the coldest morning of the winter, the thermometer registering from 10 to 14 degrees below zero, according to the location.

It Really Does Relieve Rheumatism

Everybody who is afflicted with rheumatism in any form should by all means keep a bottle of Sloan's Liniment on hand. The minute you feel pain or soreness in a joint or muscle, bathe it with Sloan's Liniment. Do not rub it. Sloan's penetrates almost immediately right to the seat of pain, relieving the hot, tender, swollen feeling and making the part easy and comfortable. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle today.

OVERSTOCKED
Xmas Presents
at Cost Today
and Tomorrow at
RICARD'S

FIVE-ROOM TENEMENT TO LET with bath, newly painted and papered, at 234 Adams st., $12 per month. 5 rooms, 46 Cross st., $1.75 per week. 6 rooms rear 46 Cross st., $1.50 per week. Apply C. Harry Clapp, 504 Middlesex st.

FIRST CLASS SAFE FOR SALE cheap. Owner has never used it. Inquire F. C. Goodale, 224 Pine st.

ONE-HALF HOUSE TO LET WITH heat and all modern improvements. Inquire at 17 Methuen st.

LAWRENCE MAN'S BODY FOUND BURIED IN CELLAR

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Buried under six feet of earth in the cellar of a shack in the rear of 24 Columbia road, Wakefield, the body of Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jeweler who was last seen alive on Sunday, was found yesterday afternoon by Lawrence and Wakefield police.

Death was due, in the opinion of the medical examiner, to shots or stab wounds, probably the latter. Ten cuts, up and down the front of the body, apparently had been inflicted while Albertson was gagged and bound by a stout rope secured about his head.

Jewelry valued at about $2000, which he had brought with him to Wakefield to sell to a prospective "bridegroom," and cash estimated at between $55 and $100, were missing. The body was surrounded by sticks of dynamite that made digging perilous.

Soon after the body had been found the police arrested Luigi Grassidonio, age 42, of 19 Hart street, Wakefield, a shoemaker formerly employed by Albertson, on the charge of murder. Grassidonio is said to have been one of the four men who last week asked Albertson to come to Wakefield from Lawrence for the purpose of exhibiting his jewelry.

Seeking a Fourth Man

Two others, Joseph and Gaetano Jambressal, age 33 and 29, of 26 Water street, Wakefield, both stone masons, were locked up as suspicious persons in connection with Albertson's death.

The three now under arrest will be arraigned before Judge Bruce in the Malden district court today.

Following information given the police last night by a woman living in the neighborhood, the Wakefield officers came to Boston and with the co-operation of local police began a search for Giaglo Farzone, alleged, to be the fourth member of the quartet that went to see Albertson in Lawrence.

The woman declares that the jeweler came to her on Sunday and asked if it were "Luigi's" house. When she said it was not, he departed and made straight for the shack where his body was found. Farzone is said to have occupied this little building until this week.

The man is described as 26 years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighing 145 pounds. He has a black moustache and dark hair, and was dressed when last seen in a blue suit and a greenish overcoat. No trace of him had been discovered in Boston up to an early hour this morning.

Albertson's body was found by a searching party consisting of Inspectors C. R. Vose and J. H. Mulhare of the Lawrence police, and Chief James J. Pollard and Patrolman Joseph Preston of Wakefield. The digging that unearthed the corpse was done by Preston.

From house to house the men traced Albertson's movements on Sunday. In most of the places the jeweler made collections on goods he had sold previously on the instalment plan.

At 24 Columbia road, in the heart of the section known as "Factory Field," Albertson had been told to call to show the wedding jewelry he expected to sell. The address apparently had been used as a blind, for the woman of the house who answered the door told him that she knew nothing about any jewelry and did not wish to purchase any.

There Albertson's trail was lost temporarily, and suspicion was directed to the shack in the rear. In the house there was no trace of Farzone, so attention was turned to the cellar.

Excavation Difficult

This basement, a shallow, scooped-out affair, hardly deep enough to admit a man in a kneeling posture, was reached through a trapdoor about two feet square. Patrolman Preston, armed with a shovel, climbed in, and worked part of the time kneeling, part of the time lying on his stomach.

He had to dig the place out to a depth of about two feet, and was about to give up when his shovel struck a piece of wood that apparently had been in the earth only a short time. With this clue he continued excavating, and at a depth of six feet came upon the body.

It was wrapped in a sheet. Across the mouth ran a short rope, fashioned into a sort of a lasso by an iron ring in one end that was secured tightly at the back of the head. Albertson evidently had been unable either to cry out or to make much struggle.

The wounds that caused his death had all been inflicted in the front part of his body, extending from the upper part of the abdomen to a point level with the heart. As long as he was conscious he probably could watch each stab as it was directed at some vital spot.

Scattered about the shallow cellar, many of them close to the body, were a number of sticks of dynamite and a quantity of discharged shotgun shells.

On the floor of the shack above stood a candle that had burned down to within two inches of the ground. The boards under it were saturated with oil, and it is the theory of the police that Albertson's murderers intended that the building should burn, ignite the dynamite and destroy all clues.

A single stick of the explosive, in addition to those in the cellar, was fastened to the trapdoor, close to the candle, by means of a quantity of twisted wire. The authorities think that the murderers were unfamiliar with dynamite and hoped it would explode rather than burn up.

The grave had been carelessly filled in and covered over, but because of its inaccessibility and the darkness in the cellar might have escaped detection for many weeks or months. Patrolman Preston had to exercise the greatest care not to explode the dynamite as he excavated.

Search for Slayer

WAKEFIELD, Dec. 24.—The search for the slayer of Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jewelry salesman, whose body, bearing 11 stab wounds, was found buried beneath a hut here yesterday, was continued today, police from Lawrence, Lowell and Boston assisting the local officers. Three men who were detained after the body was discovered yesterday were released today after a court hearing. It was stated at the police station that these men might be wanted later as witnesses. The police say they were anxious to interview Giago Furzone who is said to have occupied the hut during the fall and who is believed to have known Albertson.

A crowd gathered about the town hall this forenoon, anticipating the transfer of the detained men to the district court at Malden.

Even when informed that the trio were at liberty, the crowd continued to loiter about the town hall, noisily discussing the murder.

Albertson, the autopsy showed, had been stabbed 11 times and a rope with an iron core had been wound around his neck. A bundle containing a knife, hatchet, saw and bar was found in a corner of the shack today.

A committee of citizens has asked the police department to enlarge the night force of the town, which now consists of four patrolmen.

Spend tonight with the Brownies.

GUNBOAT SMITH WON

McCARTY WAS OUT STANDING UP, WHEN REFEREE INTERFERED AND STOPPED BOUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Gunboat" Smith pricked the bubble of Tom McCarty's prestige as a fighter by knocking out the Montana scrapper in the first minute and a half of the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout at the Empire A. C. last night. After Smith had toppled over McCarty three times, Referee Dan Tone stopped the milling.

McCarty was "out" standing up when Tone saved him. He was so weak and helpless that he did not know just where he was or what had happened to him. He was cut and bleeding at the mouth and had become a chopping block for Smith. Tone showed good judgment in stopping the bout when he did.

Smith did the work with three right-hand swings to McCarty's face soon after the round opened. The first one, his favorite "hospital punch," landed just behind the ear. McCarty's failure to take the count after he had dropped to the mat made him a mark for Smith's second swing to the face, and again McCarty dropped, this time to the ropes. When Tom regained his feet Smith again swung to the face, and as McCarty was too weak to guard himself the punch found a mark on his chin and mouth. Tone then interfered.

Up to the time that Smith made his winning rally McCarty had more than held his own. He had bombarded Smith to the ropes several times with hard left hooks to the face and under the ear.

The Montana man's guard was so low and he was so open to attack that Smith managed to shake him up in the third session with a hard right to the chin, which glanced off without doing more damage than bewildering the Montana cowboy.

Had the punch landed flush the bout would have ended then. As it was, it was the beginning of McCarty's troubles.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

TEXTILE MANUFACTURER

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 24.—Harry Tunstall, a textile manufacturer with experience gained in factories in England and recently superintendent of the Grant Yarn Co.'s plant in Fitchburg, has been chosen as agent for the Wamsutta mills, the largest cotton cloth factory in this city. Mr. Tunstall, who succeeded Herbert E. Walmsley, was born in England. He came to the United States 23 years ago and has since been connected with textile mills at Westerly, R. I., Pawtucket and Fall River.

"DEEP INTO OUR HEARTS"

London Times Comments on American Interest and Regard For Britain and Her Allies

LONDON, Dec. 24.—In an editorial commenting regretfully on the necessity of postponing the celebration of the peace centenary marking 100 years of peace between the English-speaking nations gratitude to America for material proofs of sympathy and affection and for the work done for victims of the war.

The article, details a long list of American war charities, and adds:

"In all history there has been no work like it. Never before have we received from another people proof so moving of interest and regard. We are not an effusive nation, but the American self-sacrifice and warm kindliness have sunk deep into our hearts.

"If we cannot today unite with our American friends in a great peace celebration, we can at least bear testimony to the unparalleled munificence of their charity and the good will they are showing to all, but not least to ourselves and our allies.

WHAT THE FRENCH MAID SAID

FLOORS AND CARPETS

"A real housekeeper looks well after her floors and floor coverings," said Marie as she noticed Marjorie's inquiring eyes upon her as she actively directed the parlor maid in removing a grease spot from a beautiful rug in her madame's house.

"You know," continued Marie, "candle grease can be removed from carpets or rugs by placing a piece of clean blotting paper over the mark and holding a warm iron over (not touching) the paper. As soon as the paper becomes greasy renew it, and continue until all the grease has been absorbed.

"Ink-stains, if fresh, will yield to washing with milk and water, but a mark of long standing must be scrubbed with oxalic acid and water, the correct proportions being one teaspoonful of the former to half a teacup of the latter.

"Fuller's earth is an excellent absorbative of any kind of grease, and will often take out stains that will yield to no other treatment. Make a stiff paste of the prepared earth with water and a few drops of ammonia; spread it thickly over the stain, leave for 24 hours, then brush off."

"How do you polish the flooring?" asked Marjorie.

"There is no better polish for stained floors," answered Marie, "than the old-fashioned beeswax and turpentine, though some of the disinfectant waxes used in hospitals and other large buildings can be highly recommended. It is a great mistake to constantly wash linoleum and cork carpets for water rots the surface and makes them porous, thus providing homes for millions of undesirable microbes.

"It is far, far better to rub briskly with a good wash-cloth, which also acts as a disinfectant and preservative. At the same time, too, the wax fills up all the little holes in the surface so that any dust or dirt that accumulates on the top can be easily swept away.

"Tiled floors are quite common nowadays," continued Marie, "and they need careful treatment if they are to be kept in good condition. When washing them use as little water as you can, for if it is allowed to rest between the tiles the cement in which they are set becomes loosened. Afterwards the floor should be wiped over with a cloth dipped in skimmed milk, and a monthly rubbing with boiled linseed oil, very sparingly applied, will also greatly improve its appearance."

"You have helped me greatly; thank you ever so much," gratefully exclaimed Marjorie in departing.

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BY ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Great Whist Party in New St. Jean Baptiste Church, Now Almost Completed

One of the most successful whist and socials in the history of St. Joseph's parish was conducted last night in the upper part of St. Jean Baptiste church, which it is expected will be reopened for services about the middle of next month. The affair was attended by over 1500 people, who were eager to get a glimpse of the new church before the finishing touch is put on. The receipts of the evening were very substantial and reflect much credit upon the organizers, the members of the Notre Dame de Lourdes sodality, headed by their genial and zealous president, Miss Clorilda Heroux.

The new features of the church, including the handsome and artistic paintings, the elimination of columns and the construction of two galleries in the rear, as well as the well ornamented, fireproof ceiling, were the object of favorable comment on the part of the large attendance. Among those present at the reunion were the members of the clergy, Architect Henry L. Rourke, who drew the plans and under whose personal supervision the reconstruction of the gutted church was done, and Contractor William Drapeau, and other prominent citizens of the city.

Twelve deals of cards were played, and at the close of the contest an elaborate entertainment program was carried out by the sodality choir under the direction of Miss Anais Desrosiers, with Miss Georgiana Boisvert presiding at the piano. While the musical numbers were being given, the following, who had been appointed as judges, tallied up the result of the card tournament: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Racette, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Caisse, Mr. and Mrs. Hermenegilde Marin, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Geoffroy, Miss Angelina Gauthier and Fred Lussier.

Handsome and valuable prizes were awarded the winners, and at the close of the evening Rev. Dr. J. H. Racette, O. M. I., pastor, addressed the gathering, thanking them for having responded in such large numbers. He spoke of the reconstruction of the church, and said he hoped the new temple would be ready for service by the middle of next month. The pastor extended his heartfelt thanks to the members of the sodality and particularly to the zealous president, who, he said, spared no time or money to make the event one of the most successful ever conducted in the parish. He concluded by wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Rev. Armand Baron, O. M. I., spiritual director of the sodality, also made a few remarks.

The event was in charge of Miss Clorilda Heroux, who was assisted by the following young women:

Miss Anna Barry, as treasurer, and the Misses Helen Mailhot and Amanda Bergeron as aids. The following members cooperated in the work by officiating as scorers: Misses Amanda Roux, Anna Bertrand, Albina Bougeault, Anna Perron, Diana Gauthier, Irene Vanasse, Claire Pageot, Anna Lefebvre, I. Hotin, Ida Matte, Marie Geoffroy, Leontine Parent, Marie Ouellette, Ernestine Daigle, Marie Bisaillon, L. Marchand, Amelia Harrison, Clara Hardy, Rose Roy, Diana Cote, Delia Hardy, Elise Germain, Regina Gilbert, Irene Mailhot, Anna Mailhot, Lucina Carufel, Louise Labrecque, Anna Gagnon, Antoinette Jalbert, Corinne Jalbert, Virginie Legoff, Albertine Grenier, R. Hebert, M. L. Gauthier, Demerise Bisson, Josephine Hamel, Emma Jacques, Marie Louise Verville, S. Martin and Emma Seigman.

The following young women were in charge of the checking room: Misses Elmire Verville, Emerentienne Deliste, Bernadette Bourgeault, Elodie St. George, Marie L. Corcoran, Amanda Leblanc, Dina Gagnon, Louisa Rivet, Anna Bourgeault, Elmina Cote, Marguerite Geoffroy, Marie Anne Beaucage, Maria Gregoire, Rose Coulombe, Augustine Germain, Carolina Morrissette, Marie Morrissette, Alice Lerue, Adeline Lavigne, Rose Lafreniere and Cordelia Cariere. Master Aristide Heroux was announcer.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN MILL

CHILDREN OF AMOSKEAG CO.'S EMPLOYES IN MANCHESTER, N. H., MADE HAPPY

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24—Eight hundred children of employes of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company received Christmas gifts from the company last night. A tree was set up in one of the largest mills of the textile plant and from it the gifts were distributed.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

THE CHRISTMAS FORGER

SWINDLER HAS CHEATED CHICAGO MERCHANTS OUT OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A swindler known to the police as "the Christmas forger," who during the shopping season last Christmas is said to have obtained $21,000 in Boston, New York and Philadelphia, has cheated Chicago merchants out of thousands of dollars within the last week, it was learned today.

"A. Travers, a contractor and builder of Montreal, Canada," as the forger introduced himself, carried letters of credit for sums varying from $1000 to $10,000. He sought the leading jewelry establishments in the city for his operations and is known to have victimized four concerns out of $4000. Others reported they had cashed worthless drafts and checks for sums ranging from $100 to $600.

"Travers," according to private detectives, carries on his swindling operations only during the Christmas shopping season and selects a new field every year.

DEATH OF WILLIAM J. BURKE

One of the Most Famous of Old-Time American Minstrels Passes Away in Union Hospital, Lynn

LYNN, Dec. 24.—William J. Burke, one of the most famous of American minstrels, who traveled for years with Lew Dockstader, George West, George Primrose and others, died yesterday at the Union hospital, Lynn, as a result of an operation for appendicitis. He was 58 years of age.

"Bill" Burke was known all over the country among those people who are familiar with the stars of the vaudeville stage.

He was born in Lynn in 1856 and lived much of his life here and in Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H. For years past since his retirement from the professional stage he had been engaged in the liquor business in this city, and he was, at the time of his death, president of the Lynn Licensees' association. He was prominent in the Elks' order and only last Thursday did he make his last appearance on the stage in a great benefit show held by them.

He is survived by a wife and son, John, who reside at 41 Walden street.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

POLICEMAN FINED $25

NORTH WALPOLE OFFICER ADMITS FURNISHING LIQUOR FOR NO-LICENSE CELEBRATION

NORTH WALPOLE, N. H., Dec. 24.—Patrick Tyman, a police officer of North Walpole, yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing liquor. He was fined $25 and costs and a sentence of 30 days in jail was suspended.

Last election day Walpole voted no-license and that evening there was a celebration in the Russell building, which also is used as a lockup. There were many no-license advocates at this celebration. Police Officer Tyman pleaded guilty to furnishing the liquor for that occasion.

Miner's orchestra, Associate hall.

CURIOUS EFFECT OF WAR

REVIVES ANCIENT ALLIANCE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.—A curious effect of the war is its bearing on the fish trade of New Foundland and maritime Canada. The war has revived the ancient alliance between Great Britain and Portugal, and the result has been that a discrimination made by Portugal for many years against fish from New Foundland and the Canadian maritime provinces has been removed. The products of this region are now admitted to Portuguese markets on an equality with those of all other countries.

MUST HAVE A WORLD MARKET

Vice President Marshall Says We Will Get It Under the Democratic Administration

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24.—"We claim the right to deal with all nations, irrespective of their private wars," Vice President Thomas R. Marshall said here yesterday. "The United States must have a world market, and we will get it under the democratic administration."

The vice president and his wife are at Scottsdale to spend the holidays with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kinzey.

FISHED IN CLOSED POND

Manager Moran of the Phillies and Thomas F. Norton, a Friend, Fined $10 Each at Gardner

GARDNER, Dec. 24.—Patrick E. Moran, manager of the Philadelphia National league baseball club, and Thomas F. Norton of Fitchburg were summoned into the district yesterday morning by Deputy Game Warden Albert L. Stratton on charges of fishing in a state reservation pond. They were fined $10 each and paid.

THE RABBIT'S FOOT

BY GWEN SEARS

SERENITY

There is a wondrous beauty secret not found in the cosmetic jar, or within the sanctum sanctorum of beauty parlors, and is a secret which any woman may possess.

This secret is simply the serenity which comes from relaxation and repose. The serene woman appears to advantage on every occasion.

The suggestion of reserve, intellectual strength, and repose are more impressive than the uneasiness of a nervous, fidgety, talkative woman who feels that she must continually hustle and excite to gain attention.

The wear and tear from a nervous temperament will leave the marks of strain on complexion and figure which no creams or lotions can remove.

We see something of the effects of over-emotional natures on the faces of actors or actresses who, past their first youth, have "felt" their parts too keenly, without proper preventatives or knowledge of their own undoing.

Temperament and an inner appreciation is much better than a hodgematic nature which feels nothing, but everything dealing with the dances should be done in moderation.

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CHRISTMAS, 1914

Once, in David's royal city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a maiden laid her baby,
With a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her only child.
—Old Christmas Hymn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David." (Luke, Chap. 11, 8-11).

Two thousand years have passed since the angel of the Lord brought the message of man's redemption to the shepherds on the mountains of Judea, and during this time millions have gathered in thrilled solemnity at this time yearly to contemplate the wonderful nativity that was to have such an influence in moulding the world and changing the destinies of nations. At the time of the first Christmas, the great Roman empire was tottering to its fall, undermined by luxury and license. With its fall was to go much that was beautiful, but beauty and power had alike run riot and sensuality and sin were enshrined in the very temples of the gods. Who could have foreseen on that wonderful night long ago that a Child born in a manger would, without seeking earthly glory, throw down the proudest and strongest pagan systems and, by dying ignominiously on the cross, make the cross the most revered and the most mighty symbol from one end of the world to the other for two thousand years?

In earlier days than ours when there was, perhaps, more spirituality and sentiment on earth than now, Christmas was set apart as the greatest feast day of the entire year. The church surrounded it with the pomp of gorgeous ceremony and it became the central idea of Christian worship. It became also the inspiration of painter and composer so that today all the great galleries of the world have masterpieces of the mighty ones who lavished their devotion and skill on that wonderful group of the stable at Bethlehem. The Christmas spirit was not confined solely to the churches, however, for gradually in the passing of time, the season was regarded as the most sacred in the home circle. Thus in all nations grew up the beautiful Christmas customs that have survived materialism and that we, borrowing from the old world, copy more or less successfully. In the earliest times of druid mistletoe, gathered in the gleaming moonlight, was consecrated to the purer religion, boughs of the sturdy holly with shining green and cheery scarlet berries were brought from the forests to make the home cheerful, the Christmas log was lighted on the ample hearth, the wine flowed freely; everywhere was the spirit of gaity and good cheer to welcome the Christmas morn. No picture of a vanished age is more inspiring than the picture of a feudal castle of the middle ages with lord and retainer gathered about the same table, with the toasts and the Christmas carols, with the holly, ivy and mistletoe, the blazing Christmas log, the midnight mass with its exultant "Gloria in Excelsis," and all the external manifestations of the Christmas spirit which have come down to us like a beautiful heritage of the centuries.

It may be that some of the religious significance of the time has gone, but Christmas has still a power to move us more than any festival of the year. Tonight, under the clear December skies, thousands will feel its charm without fully comprehending its meaning. Hundreds of little tots will steal to unquiet slumber, thinking of Santa Claus who will come down every chimney and leave treasures of wonderland. The Christmas tree glitters in the front room, a green wreath tied with a scarlet bow hangs in the front windows, happiness has temporarily brightened the darkest cot and outside is the glittering snow, bearing down the pine branches; over all are stars as bright as that which led the three wise men to the crib two thousand years ago. Like jewels in the chain of the years Christmas days lead our thoughts back to the fairyland of childhood and to ancient days that have gone with the snows of yesterday.

But, alas, there is a shadow over the Christmas of 1914, that will be felt in every Christian home on earth—the shadow of a world war. Nations that have pledged devotion to the God of Judea are at each others' throats on this glorious anniversary and there is no peace on earth. Yet, the spirit of Christ-like charity has gone abroad and from this nation and every great neutral nation help has gone out to the stricken ones of Belgium, of England, of France and of the other powers on whom the heavy hand of war has fallen. Those who have been stirred by the influence of Christ have striven to do the work of Christ and though shot and shell may take the place of Christmas music on many a battlefield and though blood may flow redder than the holly berries, the smoke of the conflict will pass, pride and materialism must fall as fell the pride of Rome, and after the weary centuries mankind will again listen to the message: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

THE "UNEMPLOYED"

The social agitators who, a few years ago, were so busy championing the cause of malcontents among any class of organized labor, seem to have transferred their attention and energies to a class called "the unemployed," under which general description is grouped many a misfit with whom unemployment is deliberate and chronic. The espousing of such a cause and the clever airing of it at strategical points in the populous parts of the country gives even more than the old opportunity for oratorical flights and incendiary appeals.

Last year New York was the spot selected for the airing of the wrongs of the unemployed. Now an attempt is being made in Boston. Without doubt there are quite a few genuine cases of unemployment in those cities, but equally certain is it that among the supporters of the notable disturbers such as Rev. Bonck White are many who will support anybody and anything that is contrary to established law and order. The vicious, the irresponsible and the emotional agitator may be depended on to cheer for extremists in the social order, no matter what the real issue may be. If all our people were aware of the real motives behind such agitations there would be no need for alarm, but, unfortunately, too many are ignorant of the intent of such movements and are led astray temporarily. Often a great deal of harm is done before the mask of hypocrisy is torn from the leaders of these disturbing movements.

Referring to the unemployed who owing to a variety of circumstances are out of work through no fault of their own, the Boston Herald made the suggestion recently that some city enterprises be timed to come at periods of business depression, so that those out of work could secure public employment. The plan is theoretically desirable, but might not work in practice, as the Herald admits in the following:

If public affairs were conducted with wisdom, every period of great depression would be met by extensive operations of this kind, and, correspondingly, when general business was engrossing such enterprises would be held in abeyance. The trouble comes on that side of the account. The forces behind public improvement are just as insistent on expenditures in good times as in dull periods. And there is not money enough for the constant high pace.

Lowell can well appreciate the point of the closing sentences, for, while city employment would relieve the situation here at times of business depression, it is to be feared that politics and lack of finances would interfere. Yet in the suggestion is the germ of remedial activity resulting from fuller co-operation between our business leaders and our public officials.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

After hearing about the need for caution both on the part of auto drivers and the public, in season and out of season, for the past few years, the public would like to believe that there is consistent improvement, but statistics prove otherwise. Records for the past year show that in this state alone up to November, 223 persons were killed through the operation of motor vehicles and more than 4000 were injured. In all there were 7991 accidents. Auto owners who may have resented the constant agitation for greater safety will surely admit that it is both desirable and reasonable in view of this list of death and accident. That a change must come is apparent, whether it is to come by voluntary co-operation between auto drivers and the public or through more stringent laws.

Many of these accidents were no doubt due to some mechanical defect but the great majority of cases were because of the human element and were preventable. One does not have to scan over state figures or to compare statistics from year to year to understand the basic trouble. Experiences in any community such as ours will reveal it. When, immediately after a fatal accident on a much traveled boulevard, resulting from overspeeding, we find drivers resorting to like recklessness, one may naturally wonder if wisdom is shown in the granting of licenses. If automobile accidents are to be cut down appreciably, greater care must be made in the granting of licenses and the laws governing speed must be made more stringent. Furthermore, the public must do its part by respecting the difficulties of the driver.

AS WAR RAGES

While the private sympathies of many of our people lean to one side or to the other in the present war, a great many wish for its ending more than they wish for the triumph of any of the belligerents. There is little hope for early peace in late reports which indicate the greatest determination on both sides. The allies are determined to conquer Germany and on the other hand, it seems, Germany is determined to fight to the bitter end with all the resources at her command. When the finish will be or how it will come is difficult to determine as the resources of both sides are great and as their mutual spirit is unprecedented in the history of nations. The one discouraging thing for peace lovers is the speedy change in the character of the war news. Today the despatches tell of the triumph of one power; tomorrow it is the other. This indicates heavy fighting or fall lying and as the armies both in Belgium and along the French frontier and in Russia are strongly entrenched, the loss will be terrific before any decisive result is attained. No war in the world's history has shown such a reckless disregard for human life. Even the sacrifices of Napoleon partook more of the nature of brilliant charges. In this war it is the endless, merciless grind day after day that is so discouraging to readers of the news. It is as though half the world has set out deliberately to obliterate the other half. The spirit of militarism that brought on the war must be stamped out before the world can hope for enduring peace.

GETTING POSTED

The Manchester Leader commends a delegation of the New Hampshire legislature which, before taking up a bill concerning a state institution went in a body to look the place over and to get the lay of the land. It may at first seem strange that the visit should elicit unusual mention, but it is nevertheless true that in many cases bills are taken up in a legislature which knows little and cares less about the real facts of the case. The viewpoint of the average legislator is sectional. He is swayed by the influence of his vote of the folks in his district and he sees the matter under discussion in a distorted light. If there was a more general desire among our legislators to get posted before going to the legislature, our laws would be more uniform and more to the public weal. The legislator who sees things only in the light of his own district and who looks upon politics as a game of give and take does not conduce to better conditions.

It seems too bad that we cannot have Christmas cheer without sacrificing so many beautiful young spruce trees annually. Any movement to eliminate them runs against a strong sentiment and yet if the people realized the loss to the nation, a substitute would be provided before long. The state and the federal authorities are striving to save the forests and to replant the waste places and here we have thousands of trees cut off for a moment's pleasure. Even as an economic question it is not wise to throw away so much prospective lumber for the insignificant return received from the sale of the trees.

The calling in of a policeman to stop a near riot at a meeting of the Cambridge common council last Tuesday evening recalls stirring memories of local politics in the days that were. May they be always memories, getting more ancient as the years advance.

From now on the days will grow longer and, according to the old almanac, correspondingly colder. Thus far the weather has been of the old fashioned sort that our fathers enjoyed. If we don't enjoy it, the fault is with us, not with the weather.

Which would the kaiser prefer to find in his stocking tomorrow morning—an olive branch or a new type of submarine?

Sh-h-h! there's a step on the stairs.

Merry Christmas to all.

SEEN AND HEARD

A leaky mouth can cause more damage than a leaky roof.

Most of us would rather lend a helping foot than a helping hand.

A financier announces that millionaires seldom carry money in their pockets. Glad to know they're in our class.

A western man has invented a new religion that has only five commandments. Well, he'll have as hard a time living up to his five as we have living up to our ten.

We are a lot of humbugs. We indignate about the small wages paid the girl who makes a shirtwaist and we deplore the small wages paid the girl behind the counter who sells the shirtwaist. But if the girl got more for making the waist, and the girl got more for selling the waist, and, as a natural result, we were asked to pay more for the waist, we would holler murder.

GOING THE LIMIT

Grubbs—Have you done your Christmas shopping early?

Stubbs—You bet I have. And late. And long. And expensive. And disastrously to my pocketbook. In fact I have followed every rule and am going to be happy next Friday if it bankrupts me.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

WANTED STRONG ONES

"I would like twenty-five good cigars for my husband," said a young wife to the tobacconist while on her Christmas shopping tour.

"Yes, madam; how would you like them—strong or"—asked the dealer.

"Oh strong! Very strong," replied the young wife. "The last he had all broke in his waistcoat pocket."

JUST LIKE AN OFFICER

A good story is being told by Lord Lovat, head of the famous Lovat Scouts, who is to command the Highland Mounted Brigade with the allies on the continent. A very much ruffled private was under arrest for some offense, and Lord Lovat inquired of the sergeant as to what his offense was.

"He's a very troublesome fellow, sir," replied the sergeant. "Got too much lip, goes out without leave, comes back when he likes, and gets drunk when he likes—just as if he was an officer."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

THE NECESSARY GLASS

"Yes, my friend," exclaimed the lecturer, "there are many excuses for the glass. The sick man says he must have his glass to make him well. The shivering taximan must have his glass to make him warm. The sweating mechanic must have his glass to make him cool.

"But they lie, friends. Don't believe the workman who says he can't work without his glass. I defy anybody to mention to me a workman who cannot work as well and better without his glass as with it."

A voice in the back of the hall made itself audible:

"I'll tell yer one!"

"I defy you to do so," said the lecturer. Then the voice observed:

"The glazier can't do without his glass."

The lecturer continued his oration at a decided disadvantage.—London Tit-Bits.

THE MOON AND TIMBER

It may be asked in all seriousness how much longer the superstition will live which ascribes to the moon an influence over timber? This unscientific and unprovable claim has long held a place in the backwoods, where people were prone to accept the teachings of tradition without much concern about cause and effect; but it is rather late in the day now for educated people to attribute to the dead, inert moon an influence on vegetation.

If there is anything certain it is that the moon has no observable effect on the flow of a tree's sap or on the characters and qualities of the wood. It can be argued scientifically that it cannot have, and it has been demonstrated in practice that it does not have such effect. Apparently there is some mistake in the statement that the felling is done by moonlight, or with regard to any phase of the moon. Accounts of modern mahogany-logging operations in America and Africa do not mention that custom. In some of the tropical regions hauling logs from the woods is done at night because the heat by day cannot be endured by the men and teams.—Hardwood Record.

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

(Words and Music by His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell)

I.

Hark the sound of angel voices
Breaks the silence of the night,
Lo the heav'nly host rejoices
Mid a flood of radiant light.
And the shepherds gaze in wonder,
As they hear the angels sing:
"Glory, glory in the highest,
Glory to our new-born King."

Chorus

Let the heav'ns and earth adore
Christ the Lord for He is King forevermore.

II.

So the shepherds hear the story
Of Emanuel's wondrous birth,
And they haste to pay their homage
To the King of heaven and earth.
And at Bethlehem's manger kneeling
In the light of faith they see
God's own Son His pow'r concealing
In the direst poverty.

III.

And the maiden mother holy
Bids them to her Babe draw near
For she knows the poor and lowly
To His heart divine are near.
So, they gather round the manger
And their hearts with glad accord
Offer Him their loyal homage
And proclaim Him Christ the Lord.

IV.

Come, then, Christians, let us gather
With the shepherds and adore
Let us give Him our devotion
And our love forevermore.
For the Son of God, our Saviour
Asks us only for our love,
And the Child divine shall lead us
To our home in heav'n above.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

MONROE DOCTRINE

The assurances from Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier that Canada does not depend on the Monroe Doctrine for protection were hardly necessary. Everybody knows that Canada is a part of the British empire and naturally looks to the empire for whatever protection it may require. The Monroe Doctrine was designed for the protection of the North and South American republics from European aggression, and has served its purpose well. If, however, Canada should at any time sever its connection with the British empire and set up an independent government it is not to be doubted that it would be glad to place itself under the same general protection now enjoyed by our sister republics in this hemisphere.—Springfield Union.

ABOUT ADVERTISING

All advertising helps a business, but not all advertising is equally profitable. If once in a while a merchant inserts a business notice that does not seem to give the returns it should, may this newspaper make a suggestion?

That is, that the advertiser, instead of deeding off-hand that advertising does not pay, should come to the newspaper office, or send for the newspaper man to come and see him, and together that they should study the disappointing insertion.

Every newspaper man is something of an advertising specialist. He has seen many kinds of advertising tricks tried out. He has his own theories, which may or may not be sound, but they are based on very considerable experience.—Manchester Mirror.

NEGLECT OF VOTING

Meanwhile, if reluctance on the part of the women of Massachusetts to avail themselves of the limited privilege of voting for school committee is to be accepted as an argument for withholding the full franchise, what shall be said of a goodly proportion of the male voters who are notorious for their abstention from voting, either at the primaries or elections? There are thousands of men who constantly absent themselves from the polls, while others vote only intermittently. What makes this showing the more striking is the widespread belief that in the overwhelming proportion of cases, rank indifference or laziness is responsible.—Salem News.

SILENT ROSES

The hooded rose bushes on the lawn look like veiled prophets who won't prophesy, but who keep up a terrible thinking inside their canvas shelter. Plainly they know more than they are ready to tell. It isn't given to everybody to probe the secrets of winter and yet be high in the councils of summer when the halcyon days come.—Lewiston Sun.

THE THAW CASE

We haven't heard the end of the case of Harry Thaw by any means although by a decision of the supreme court he must go back to New York state to stand trial for conspiracy to escape from Matteawan prison. That trial would surely prove highly interesting because if Thaw is insane he could not be guilty of conspiracy of any kind. If he is proven guilty of conspiracy he is also proven a sane man. If he is sane he cannot be locked up in an insane asylum.—Holyoke Transcript.

THE THAW CASE

Fugitive's Lawyers May be Prosecuted for Conspiracy

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas Carmody, who retired from office as attorney-general of the state on Sept. 1 last, will discuss the Thaw case in the annual report of the attorney-general to be submitted to the legislature next month. During the four years of his administration Mr. Carmody resisted the efforts made to obtain the release of Thaw. He all along contended that the efforts made by Thaw's attorneys to prevent New York state from having the slayer of Stanford White returned here were illegal.

Mr. Carmody in his report to the legislature will say in part:

"There can be no longer any legal resistance to the demands of the state of New York for the return of Thaw to its custody. The United States supreme court has decided that there is no question involved in the extradition of Thaw that can be referred for determination to the courts. Any further attempt of Thaw to defeat justice in this case, or to resist the demands of the state of New York is a defiance to the decision of the United States supreme court.

"There is a point in legal matters beyond which lawyers cannot safely go. That point has been reached in Thaw's case. There is such a thing as lawyers being guilty of criminal conspiracy to defeat justice. That point will be passed should any further attempts be made to defy the plain mandate of the law as interpreted by the United States supreme court. It will be the duty of the state of New York to see that any conspiracy to defeat justice by defying this decision of the supreme court shall be treated as it deserves as a criminal conspiracy against law and government and that all parties involved in it, whether lawyers or laymen, shall be brought to the bar of justice, to answer for such unjustifiable conduct."

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KEMPTON IN LEAD

Holds an Average of 103.13 in City League —White Ways on Top

Kempton has jumped into the lead of the individual bowlers in the City League, Myrick being displaced for the first time this season. Kempton now stands out in front with the enviable average of 103.13, with Myrick second, Concannon third and Martel fourth. Ten rollers in this circuit are now hitting the sticks for 100 or better.

The White Ways are still at the top in the race for team honors. Mike Driscoll's Pets have won 28 points and lost but 8. In total pinfall, however, the Crescents lead the White Ways by nearly a hundred pins. The averages are as follows:

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

	Won	Lost	P'fl
White Ways	28	8	13,382
Crescents	24	12	13,173
Bowlaways	19	17	12,977
Littredges	17	19	12,181
Barrs	16	20	13,016
Les Miserables	15	21	12,880
Brunswicks	14	22	12,650
L. M. C. I.	10	26	12,533

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Kempton 103.13, Myrick 102.22, Concannon 102.22, Martel 102.11, Lebrun 101.17, Curry 101.3, Mosher 101.3, Notel 100.10, Marquis 100.8, Walsh 100, Kelley 99.19, McQuade 99.17, Chabott 99.2, Hall 99.1, Devlin 99, Jewett 99, Flanders 98.5, O'Brien 97.23, Wynne 97.18, Kittredge 97.7, Noonan 97.6, Martin 97.3, McDermott 97.1, G. Clark 96.14, McCormack 96.10, Cote 96.7, Johnson 96.2, Hindle 95.26, J. Buckley 95.13, Burns 95.13, Perrin 95.9, Mahan 95.1, Lees 95.16, Kennedy 94.8, Beauregard 94.8, Doban 94.5, Mullin 93.18, Bernardini 93.14, Sullivan 93.11, Dickey 93.5, Richardson 93.4, Allan 92.11, Gromes 92.10, Rodolo 92.6, Murren 92.5, G. Buckley 92.4, Brennan 92.3, Brooks 91.11, Griffin 91.4, Gilligan 91.3, Gendron 91.2, Dyer 91.1, O'Day 91, Hayden 90.3.

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KEITH'S BEATEN

Old Timers Won Match With Theatre Rollers —Cullen's Pets Won

Cullen's Pets were too strong for the bleacheries last night in their Concord league match, taking the first two strings and the total. Kirane of the winners was high man.

Keith's Theatre entered the bowling arena against the Old Time Operators and received a jolt at their hands when the old-timers rolled a total of 1411. The Keith teams was badly outclassed, rolling far below its usual marks. The coaching of Treasurer Jimmy Mahoney was the feature. Heban, with 342, was high man. The spores:

BLEACHERIES—McIntire 244, Fox 215, Johnson 227, Finnegan 268, Kirane 246; totals 1218.

CULLEN'S PETS—J. Burns 267, Snow 248, Reynolds 247, Clancy 239, Kirane 268; totals 1269.

KEITHS—Devlin 250, Mahoney 242, J. Guthrie 243, Chase 254, R. Guthrie 266; totals 1245.

OLD TIME OPERATORS—Gray 276, Wilson 247, Ellis 238, Spillane 308, Heban 342; totals 1411.

Christmas eve, some time, Associate, the Brownies will be there.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Court General Shields, Foresters of America, met last evening and elected the following officers:

C. R., John Hanley; S. C. R., Patrick Hoarke; F. S., James H. Cox; treasurer, John McDonough; R. S., William E. Bowles; S. W., Patrick Carty; J. W., John Dailey; S. B., Owen Morris; J. B., James E. Lang; lecturer, John J. McGaull; trustee for three years, Patrick Roddy; physician, Dr. William J. Collins. The trustees were authorized to purchase an emblem of the order for C. R. Hugh Finnerty who has served for two years as the chief ranger of the court.

Echo Lodge, N. E. O. P.

Following the regular business session of Echo lodge, N. E. O. P., last evening, the annual election of officers was held with the following result:

Warden, Mrs. Carolina J. W. Mountain; vice warden, Oswald J. Berrand; financial secretary, Margaret B. McLaren; treasurer, Richard A. Curtin; secretary, Katherine L. Curtin; chaplain, John J. Riley; guide, Thos. Frost; guardian, Charles Connors; sentinel, Everett Mountain; pianist, Miss Carrie L. Mountain; representative to the grand lodge, Mary E. Curtin and Margaret B. McLaren; alternates, Thos. Frost and Katherine L. Curtin; J. P. W., Mary E. Curtin.

Loyal Excelsior Lodge

Loyal Excelsior lodge held a largely attended meeting Monday evening in Post 120 hall, Merrimack street. The regular routine business was transacted and the entertainment committee reported great success on the last tea party conducted by the lodge, for the benefit of Brother Kite, who has been ill for a long while. The members are also taking great interest in the new degree staff. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Noble grand, John Crossley; grand master, Francis Carmen; vice grand, Thomas H. Holden; elective secretary, Fred Swindles; permanent secretary, Edward Hanson; treasurer, Andrew Mowatt; chaplain, William Pomfort; warden, George Camp; lodge surgeon, Dr. Sweetsir; pianist, Lyle Sewell; delegates to the district convention, George W. Emsley and Benjamin Ingham. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and it is hoped that the members will keep up the good work.

XMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Continued

Magnificat ..... Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris ..... Gregorian
Ave Verum ..... Gounod
Adeste Fideles
Tantum Ergo ..... Minard
"Holy God We Praise Thy Name,"
Organ Prelude, "Marche Militaire," Gounod

The solos in the mass and at vespers will be sustained by Miss Catharine V. Hennessey, soprano; Miss Etta Hennessey, contralto; Mr. Cornelius F. Calnan, tenor; Mr. Frank P. McCarty, basso. John F. McGlinchy, organist.

Masses at St. Margaret's on Christmas day, at 6, 7.30, 9, 10.45.

ST. COLUMBA'S

High Mass at 11 o'Clock
Processional ..... E. A. Battiste
Kyrie ..... Kumin
Gloria ..... Kumin
Credo ..... Kumin
Offertory:
Adeste Fideles,
Misses Frances Tighe, Margaret Flanagan, Catherine Kinnon and Chas. McQuillan
Sanctus ..... Kumin
Benedictus ..... Kumin
Agnus Dei ..... Kumin
Recessional ..... E. A. Battiste

Vespers at 7.30 p. m.
Gregorian psalms
Hymn, O Holy Night,
Miss Frances Tighe
Adeste Fideles
O Salutaris ..... Werner
Tantum Ergo ..... Werner
Holy God

Choir.
Recessional ..... E. A. Battiste
Miss Catherine Wholey organist and choir director.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Solemn high mass 10.30 a. m.
March of the Magi ..... Th. Dubois
Hymn, Ca Bergers,
Miss E. Gagnon
Puer Natus Es ..... Gregorian
Mass of J. N. Kalliwoda
Soloists: Mrs. J. B. Jacques, Miss A. Perron, Miss Rose Lussier, Miss Rose Lacouture, Miss Stella Latour, Miss A. Bonin, Miss E. Benoit, Mrs. Telesphore Malo, Messrs. L. J. Z. Robillard, E. C. Gauvin, Arthur Giroux, Arthur Leveille, Achille Levallee, T. H. Brassard, Alfred Ducharme, Henri Weibrenner and Telesphore Malo.
Graduale, Viderunt Omnes ..Gregorian
Offertory:
Pastorale ..... M. A. Melvil
Misses Rose Lussier and Stella Latour supported by the choir.
Communion, Viderunt Omnes, Gregorian
Recessional, Noel ..... Jules Grison

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 p. m.
Organ, Noel Chant du Roi Rene, A. Guilmant
Harmonized psalms
Soloists: Misses Stella Latour, Rose Lacouture, Rose Lussier, Messrs. T. H. Brassard, Alfred Ducharme, E. J. Larochelle.
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor Omnium Gregorien
Magnificat, Choir.
Alma Redemptoris ..... Novello
O Salutaris ..... Rueter
Miss Alice Bonin
Ave Maria ..... Baglioli
Misses Rose Lussier and Stella Latour
Tantum Ergo ..... Goeb
Laudate ..... Stearns
Recessional
Chorus Magnus ..... Th. Dubois
Telesphore Malo, choirmaster; Mrs. M. A. Bernard, organist.

ST. LOUIS

Solemn High Mass, 9.30 A. M.
Processional—Organ and orchestra
Introit
Puer Natus Es ..... Capoci
Millard's revised mass.
Soloists: Misses Clemence Simard, Alice Pratte and Bernadette Fontaine; Mesdames Eugene Soulard and O. J. David; Messrs. Ernest J. Dupont, Urgelo Favreau, Adolphe Bouchard, W. P. Caisse, Sr., Etienne Bernier.
Offertory
Pastorale ..... Lambillotte
Miss Clemence Simard supported by the choir.
Recessional.
Organ and Orchestra

Solemn Vespers, 6. 30 P. M.
Dominus, Confitebor, Beatus Vir, De Profundis, Memento Domine, Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris,
Miss Bernadette Fontaine
O Salutaris,
Miss Clemence Simard
Ave Maria,
Miss Alice Pratte
Tantum Ergo,
O. J. David
Laudate ..... Stearns
Choir
Miss Ida Mongrain, organist; Albini Foisy, orchestra conductor; O. J. David, choirmaster.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

Solemn High Mass 6.30 a. m.
Asperges Me ..... Gregorian
Introit, Puer Natus Est
Kyrie ..... Kalliwoda
Soprano solo,
Christe Eleison,
Miss Blanche Levesque
Gloria ..... Kalliwoda
Tenor solo, Gratias Agimus,
Mr. Edward Gaudette
Graduale, Viderunt Omnes...Gregorian
Alleluia
Sermon by Rev. Walter Plaisance, O. M. I., D. D., of Tewksbury.
Credo ..... Kalliwoda
Tenor solo, Et Incarnatus,
Mr. E. F. Gregoire
Offertory:
Duem Vidistis Pastores....H. Hammon
Sanctus ..... Kalliwoda
Agnus Dei ..... Kalliwoda
Agnus Dei, soprano solo,
Miss Irene Parthenais
Communion, Viderunt..... Gregorian

Vespers 6.30 p. m.
Psalms ..... Gregorian
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor.....Gregorian
Magnificat ..... Perreault
Anthem, Alma Redemptoris.Gregorian
Benediction:
Ave Vernum ..... Gounod
Tantum Ergo..... Jules Grison
Miss Bella Lavigne organist, assisted by Lavigueur's orchestra.
H. A. Racicot, Director.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Miss Agnes Collins, organist of St. Andrew's church has prepared the following program for the 8 o'clock mass Christmas day:
Offertoire in A flat (organ).....Read
Miss Collins
"Angels We Have Heard on High," (trio) ..... Basil
Lillian Barton, Agnes Hennessey, Mrs. Foley
"Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices," Basil
Choir
"Adeste Fideles" trio ..... Basil
Lillian Barton, Agnes Hennessey, Mrs. Foley
Christmas Pastorale, (organ) Dincelli
Miss Collins
"March of the Magi," from the cantata "Star of Bethlehem." ..... Harker
Miss Collins

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Masses every hour from 6.30 to 11 a. m.
Pontifical mass at 11 by the Right Rev. Bishop da Silva.
Processional, "Adeste Fideles," Portuguese
Introitus ..... Trozer
Kyrie ..... Korman
Gloria ..... Korman
Graduale ..... Tozer
Credo ..... Korman
Offertorium ..... Tozer
Motet, "Nato nobis" D. Van Reyschoot
Sanctus ..... Korman
Benedictus ..... Korman
Agnus Dei ..... Korman
Communio ..... Tozer
Recessional.
Evening Service, 7, Pontifical Vespers
Dixit Dominus ..... Fiske
Confitebor ..... Fiske
Beatus Vir ..... Fiske
De Profundis ..... Fiske
Memento, Domino ..... Fiske
Jesu Redemptor and Magnificat, Fiske
Benediction

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—NO. CHELMSFORD

High Mass at 9.30 A. M.
Mass of the Guardian Angels..McEvoy
Processional
Meditation—Organ ..... Morrison
Violin obligato,
Ruth M. Ward
Introit
Adoremus ..... Turner
Choir
Kyrie ..... McEvoy
Gloria ..... McEvoy
Credo ..... McEvoy
Choir
Et In Carnatus ..... McEvoy
Clara McCoy
Offertory—
Nato Nobis Salvatore Van Reysschoet
Walter Mack
Sanctus ..... McEvoy
Benedictus ..... McEvoy
Choir
Agnus Dei ..... McEvoy
John Green
Communion—
Adeste Fideles,
Training School Boys
Recessional hymn—
Angels Heard on High,
Choir
Schiller—March ..... G. Meyerbeer
Organ
Soloists: Clara McCoy, soprano; Walter Mack, tenor; John McQuade, baritone; John Green, bass; Gertrude M. Quigley, organist.

ST. ANNE'S, EPISCOPAL

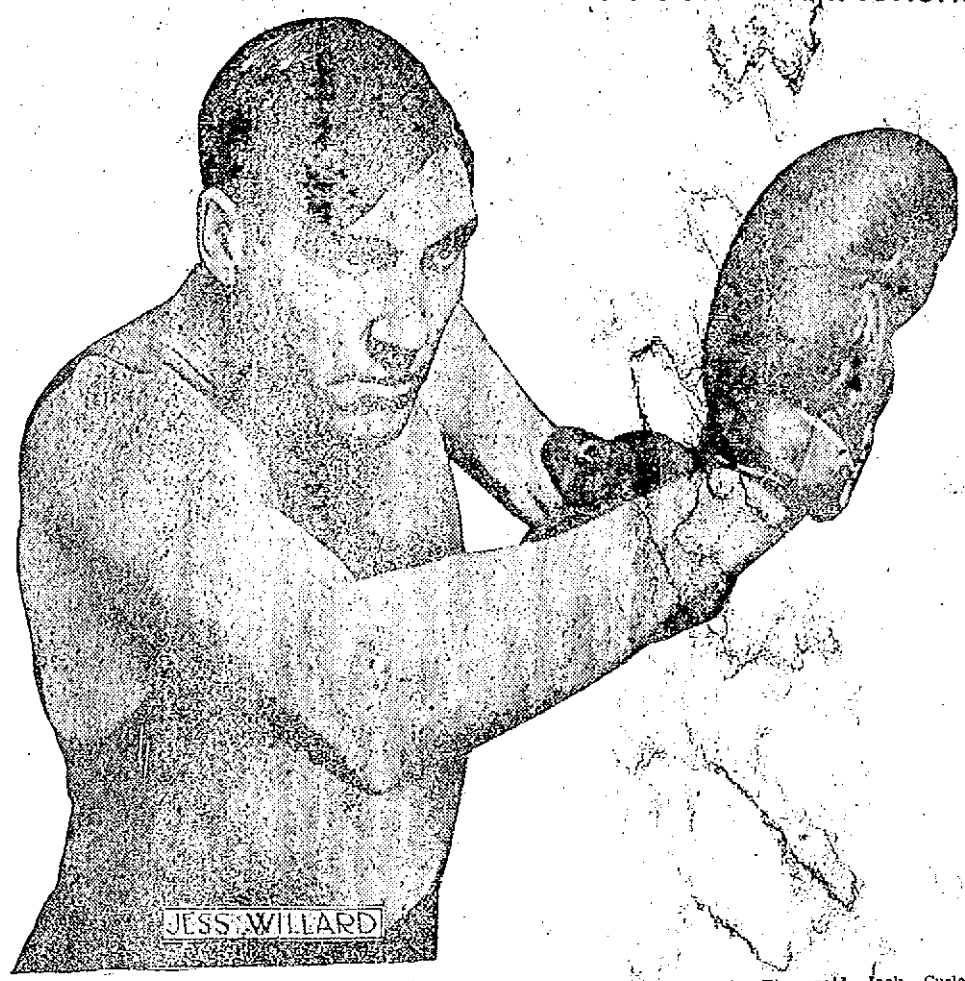
Holy communion at 7.30 with music by the Guild of St. Cecelia.
Prelude To a Wild Rose.....MacDowell
Processional, Angels from the Realms of Glory ..... Reade
Communion service in E flat.
Hymn, Christmas Awake
Offertory, Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming ..... Praetorius
Recessional, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Postlude, Praise the Lord, Oh My Soul, Karg-Elert

Holy communion at 10.30 with music by the vested choir of men and boys (35 voices.)
Prelude, March of the Magi Kings, Dubois
Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful,
Introit, (Christmas Oratorio) .....Bach
Break Forth! O Beauteous Night.
Responses to the Commandments in F, Tours
Gloria Tibi in B flat.....Gounod
Hymn, O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Offertory ..... West
O Come! Redeemer of Mankind.
Sanctus in F, (St. Cecelia Mass) Gounod
Communion hymn, Calm on the Listening Ear.
Gloria in Excelsis .....Old Chant
Recessional, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Postlude, Marche de Fete.....Busser
Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Charles F. Brown.

ST. JOHN'S, EPISCOPAL

Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful, Reading
Kyrie ..... Ancient
Sanctus ..... Taylor
Hymn, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ..... Dykes
Gloria Tibi ..... Woodward
Hymn, Bread of the World.....Hodges
Offertory, There Were Shepherds, Alfred R. Gaul
Processional, Angels from the Realms of Glory .....H. Smart

AGREEMENT FOR COMING BOUT BETWEEN JESSE WILLARD AND JACK JOHNSON FOR CHAMPIONSHIP



There seems to be but little doubt now in the minds of the boxing fans but what Jack Johnson, still champion of the world in spite of aught that may be said to the contrary, and Jess Willard, the best of the present crop of white hopes, will meet in a championship battle next spring, probably in March.

The articles of agreement have been signed by Johnson and in accordance with them he has posted $5000 with a New York sporting man as a guarantee of good faith. Willard has done likewise, but a hitch was expected in getting the big negro to post a forfeit.

Now that California has adopted a no-boxing law the Johnson-Willard bout cannot possibly be pulled off in the golden state. Mexico or Cuba are the places most often mentioned as the scene of the next bona fide world championship bout with the tendency leaning toward Mexico. The battle will probably be one of 45 rounds unless outside interference shortens it to 20 sessions.

Although Willard never boxed here in Lowell several local sporting men made the trip to New Haven last winter when the big Texan climbed into the ring in the Connecticut city.

The articles of agreement which Jack Johnson signed and like copy of which Willard has affixed his signature to are as follows:

Whereby it is agreed as follows:

1—The said Jack Johnson agrees with the said Jack Curley to engage in a boxing contest according to Marquis of Queensbury rules, with five-ounce gloves, with one Jess Willard of America. The said contest to be scheduled for from 20 rounds to 45 rounds at the direction and discretion of the said Jack Curley.

2—The party hereto of the second part to be allowed to wear soft bandages on his hands, if he so desires.

3—The party hereto of the first part agrees to promote said contest and to pay the party hereto of second part for his services the sum of $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) in American legal tender. And further agrees to pay him one-half of the net amount received from the moving pictures to be taken of the contest.

4—The party hereto of the first part agrees to select the location for the contest not later than Feb. 1, 1915, and to notify the party of the second part in writing or by cable, care American Express company, London, unless otherwise requested by the said Jack Johnson.

5—The party hereto of the first part agrees to hold the contest between March 15 and March 30, 1915, and to notify the party hereto of the second part the exact date not less than one lunar month before the match.

6—The party hereto of the first part agrees to pay the party thereto of the second part one thousand dollars expense money, on demand, through the American Express company, London, any time after the signing of the agreement. The said Jack Curley agrees to pay the said Jack Johnson or to his order the above mentioned $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for his services before he goes to the ring.

7—The referee shall be mutually agreed upon between the two above mentioned parties and Jess Willard, or his authorized representative, at least two weeks before the contest.

The party hereto of the second part agrees not to engage in any boxing contest before the fulfilment of this agreement without the consent in writing of the said Jack Johnson.

8—It is hereby agreed upon that both contestants shall wear a cup to protect themselves from fouls.

9. It is hereby agreed that the said Jack Johnson and Jess Willard, the contestants, must be open for public training, and to admit thereto all authorized newspaper representatives, and to undergo a medical examination on the request of the said Jack Curley once a week for the four weeks immediately preceding the contest.

10—Each party thereto agrees to deposit within 14 days from the date hereof a sum of $5000 (five thousand dollars) with Robert C. Vernon of New York city.

11—It is hereby mutually agreed between the parties hereto that in case any dispute or difference shall arise with reference to this agreement, said dispute or difference shall be referred to the said Robert C. Vernon as arbitrator, and both parties agree that they will accept any award made by him with reference to the deposit money as final.

OPERA HOUSE YIELDS

DATES ENGAGED BY LOWELL CHORAL SOCIETY WILL STAND UNCHANGED

The controversy between the Lowell Choral society and the management of the Lowell Opera House was settled yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the license commission, the theatre proprietors agreeing to allow the choral society the use of the Opera House on Jan. 26 and May 11, the dates first asked for, at a figure of $150 per night.

The hearing was opened shortly before 4 o'clock with John L. Shea of the Great Eastern Amusement Co., Manager Hill of the Opera House and a legal representative of Julius Cahn present. Chairman Mullaney did not believe it advisable to go on with the evidence and questioned the Opera House representatives relative to the plans of the theatre.

Mr. Shea told the commission that the matter of renting the Opera House to the Choral society had never been mentioned to him before, but if an agreement was made with Julius Cahn it must be followed out. Mr. Cahn's representative asked that the hearing be continued until he could investigate the matter further, but this was not agreeable to the board.

After a discussion of several minutes, President A. C. Spaulding of the Choral society, John L. Shea and Mr. Cahn's representative held a private conference and then assured the board that the Lowell society would have the use of the hall on the dates originally agreed upon for the prices stated by Mr. Cahn last summer.

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OTTAWA ATHLETES HERE

The members of the Ottawa University hockey team headed by Rev. William Stanton, O. M. I., athletic instructor at the university, attended mass at the Immaculate Conception church this morning. The team will play Dartmouth at the arena in Boston tomorrow night.

Hockey is the great national sport in Canada, and the attendances at the games rival the crowds that follow baseball in this country. The team that will match its skill against the Dartmouth athletes tomorrow night is said to be the fastest team ever turned out and Captain Nagle is confident of victory. Last year the Canadian aggregation beat Harvard and other big college teams.

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FIRE IN BOX CAR

A brisk fire in an empty box car on the Boston & Maine railroad tracks, near the roundhouse, caused an alarm from box 24 shortly before 8.30 o'clock last evening. The car had been used to transport potatoes and had a small woodstove in it. It is believed that persons entered the car and in an endeavor to start a fire in the stove, set fire to the floor of the car. The firemen had no trouble in extinguishing the blaze.

Members of the Westford street fire station were called to the home of Dr. Marshall L. Alling, 617 Westford street, at 5.27 o'clock, where a slight chimney fire was in progress. No damage.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE

The management of the Opera House offers as a special Christmas attraction, beginning today, five of the strongest acts ever presented at popular prices, including 24 clever entertainers, in addition to the usual pictures and the photoplay. Each act on the vaudeville bill may be classed as a headliner.

"Fun in Poppyland" is an up-to-date musical comedy presented by a company of 11 people, eight pretty singing girls and three clever comedians. It is staged with elaborate scenery, costums and electrical and mechanical effects. "The Eight Melody Boys," a double-quartet of singers and dancers are one of the cleverest aggregations of entertainers ever playing in this city. Don't miss Milo? The Mysterious One. See the act and decide for yourself. Milo's act has been a tremendous surprise and a big hit wherever it has been presented. Italia and company offer a very entertaining comedy sketch. Then there's Sam Barber, known as "The coon with the educated feet." While not shuffling his pedal extremities Sam entertains with lively patter and song.

The photoplay offered, "The Terrors of the Coast," is a particularly strong tragedy of the North sea, so prominently before the public at the present time as the scene of Europe's naval warfare.

The Christmas performances will begin at 2 and 7.15, and each program runs exactly three hours, including the pictures. There are 1600 comfortable seats in the Opera House, and the prices will not change despite the usually strong and expensive holiday bill offered.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The new management of the Academy of Music has installed two new projecting machines which are pronounced to be the last word in picture projection. At this pleasure place may be seen the popular Paramount pictures and the Warner pictures. The policy of the new management is to show only those pictures which have never been seen in the city previous to their projection on the curtain of the Academy. Catering especially to ladies and children is also the aim of the new managers. In the future Amateur night will be observed on Tuesday night.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The best vaudeville bill presented locally in many months is that on parade at the B. F. Keith theatre this week. For balance and for pure entertainment it stands out apart. Headlined is Joe Cook, known as "the one-man show of vaudeville," who lightly travesties all of the variety acts we are accustomed to see. Cook picks up a suggestion from an act very quickly and everything he does is suggestive of scores of acts we have seen many times. Harry Adler and Anna Arline, in "The New Idea," have struck something which is quite different from the ordinary run of funny acts. Incidentally, Adler is one of the most proficient imitators who have visited us. The dancing by McMahon, Diamond & Chaplow is wonderfully good, and the scarecrow stunt is of very high class. Smith, Cook & Brandon offer a superior brand of fun and dancing, and the Four Melodious Chaps play on two pianos, sing and caper about. The parrots of Mlle. Tuttle are very highly trained, while the foot juggling of the Tayo troupe is splendid. The Hearst-Selig News Pictorial holds many new pictures. Good seats may be obtained at the box office in advance. Phone 28.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Owing to the fact that The Sun will suspend publication of all editions tomorrow the members of the Merrimack Square Theatre company take this opportunity of wishing their many friends and admirers not only a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, but the merriest of them all. And just to prove their wish is sincere they are appearing in the liveliest and merriest of all comedies "The Blue Mouse," as their Christmas attraction and one but has to witness it to have a smile painted on his or her countenance which will last for weeks to come. There are still many good seats for both performances to be given tomorrow and special attention is called to the time of starting the matinee which will be at 2.30 for the convenience of patrons. The evening performance will begin as usual at 8 o'clock and the same prices will prevail: 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

HERO OF "PERILS OF PAULINE"

The method now used of advertising prominent stars in motion pictures makes it rather difficult when any of these stars is to appear in person to convey this idea to the public. Even well known dramatic stars when touring the country in person after being featured in some famous photoplay, find it almost impossible to disassociate themselves from the picture, and satisfy the public that they are really coming in the flesh. Since the first announcement of the personal appearance here of Mr. Crane Wilbur, the noted film star, and hero of the great Serial picture, "The Perils of Pauline," there has been no end of discussion as to whether he would be presented in some picture, or would actually appear in the flesh. Because of his enormous salary, which compares with that of the president of the United States, many have contended that he was entirely too expensive to be presented in person in any but the biggest metropolitan cities. But the large army of local picture fans need have no further doubt as to whether Mr. Wilbur is coming himself, as His management makes the positive assurance that he will come in the flesh and this assurance is backed up by the personal word of Mr. Wilbur himself. With a company of artists which he has himself carefully selected, he will appear at the Merrimack Square theatre on Sunday matinee and evening, December 27. The time of his arrival in town will be announced in ample time to permit the skeptical ones to meet him at the train and be absolutely convinced that it is Mr. Crane Wilbur in the flesh, and not Mr. Crane Wilbur on the screen. Prices 10, 15 and 25 and a few at 50 cents. Seats now.

ATHLETES AND ATHLETICS

Connie Mack is banking upon Bill Kopf to fill the place left vacant by the sale of Eddie Collins to the White Sox. The Athletic manager at any rate has often made the assertion that Kopf was as classy an infielder as the American league boasted. Kopf played with Fall River in the New England league one season. At that time and later when he was picked up by the Naps, Kopf played under the name of Brady.

Louis Pieper seems to be up against it for a catcher next season. The former Lawrence manager will be obliged to land a backstop before he can go very far with his Lynn club. However, he has several players down on the seashore whom he should be able to exchange for a first class mitt wearer.

Frank Cavanaugh has refused to sign up with the Dartmouth football team for another three-year term at the same salary he received during the past three seasons. The head coach of the Hanover institution will probably get his price in the end although the athletic council are rather loath to pay it. Cavanaugh, it is said, has asked for $6000. The alumni are determined to bring him back at any price.

Eddie Miller, one of the greatest infielders who ever cavorted about the New England league diamond, is mentioned as one of the players who may go to the Yankees in the pending Browns-New York deal. Miller was used as a utility man last season and gave evidence of everything but a throwing arm. If Eddie was not muscle bound he wouldn't be holding down a utility berth.

Al Gutterson, the best broad jumper ever produced in America, has announced his intention of reentering athletics. Gutterson, as well as being a wonderful distance leaper, is also a crack low hurdler. He will probably compete for the B. A. A. On his first trial at the Olympic games in Stockholm Gutterson cleared 24 feet 11½ inches. The world's record is 24 feet 11¾, made by Peter O'Connor of Ireland.

Hans Lobert, the third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals last season, must want a ball park and franchise for his services another year. Lobert could not come to terms with the Phillies and then the Feds sought him out. Now President Gilmore of the outlaws is all but discouraged over the prospects of landing this player, while Johnny McGraw wore out what patience he possesses (which by common report isn't much) in an attempt to land him for O. B. Lobert will probably come to his senses soon enough if the various clubs keep away from him.

Buck Weaver led the Lowell pitchers last season with six wins and four defeats for percentage of .600. Ring's work on the mound, however, was the most noteworthy of the local pitchers. Jimmy won 17 out of 31 games. Lohman was a big disappointment in the pitching department for he did not come up to an even break. The Texan won only 17 games and lost 18.

The American and National All-Star team has returned to the states from Honolulu. The trip this year was a great financial success. Before leaving the island each player who made the trip was given a check for $1500. The team will play a few more games in southern California and New Mexico before disbanding.

Conover, the St. Paul school centre, is regarded as one of the country's greatest hockey players. The Concord, N. H., star played a whirlwind game against Yale in the St. Nicholas rink the other night and the New York critics picked him as the most active man on the ice. St. Paul usually boasts an exceptionally good hockey seven.

Pete Wacob may not be back in the local baseball fold when next season comes around. In a letter to the Sun's sporting writer Pete complained of the climate and also of the long trip before and after the season. Although Wacob was not in shape until the season was half over his work during the latter part of the baseball year showed him to be a sterling performer.

Gunboat Smith seems to have caved in any white hope's chances. His decisive walloping of Tom McCarthy last night would indicate that the latter is more or less of a newspaper champion. According to some of the stories we heard from New York way one would have thought that the Gunboat was due to be sunk in a few short rounds. Instead of that, however, Smith clipped McCarthy at will and floored him so often that the stunt became monotonous. The bout was stopped in the fourth session owing to McCarthy's weak condition.

The Penn football committee has adopted Harvard's system of coaching in so far as Coach Haughton can be initiated. Next season the coach and captain of the Red and Blue eleven will not have entire control of the football policy. At Harvard, although a board has the power to control, Percy Haughton's ideas go through without a murmur. Perhaps if Brook's team is returned a winner he, too, will be recorded full control.

Jack Johnson has shifted his base of operations to Buenos Ayres, Argentine. The huge negro intends to give exhibitions in the South American republic while getting in condition for his bout with Jess Willard. John now says that Paris is too dull for him and that he will probably make his home in Buenos Ayres.

Walter Johnson has returned the $5000 given him by Charles Weeghman as a bonus for signing a Fed contract and is now simply waiting to discover what the courts will do with his case. It begins to look as though the great pitcher simply used the outlaws as a lever to pry the Washington club loose from a few thousands more salary.

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FRENCH TROOPS ON THE MARCH BACK OF THE LINES IN NORTH FRANCE TO AID IN ATTACK

FRENCH SOLDIERS ON MARCH IN NORTHERN FRANCE ©1914 BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

This is a picture of French soldiers on the march in northern France. The infantry is accompanied by pack animals. It is supposed that this picture was taken not far from the lines of the allies and that the troops were on the march to another part of the front for an attack. The caption permitted by the censor to come through simply states that the troops are on the march in northern France.

DR. SMITH FREED

Lowell Physician Was Granted Pardon by the Executive Council

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Dr. S. P. Smith, a Lowell physician, serving a prison term for malpractice, was pardoned by the executive council today. A parole was granted Dr. Smith two weeks ago, but it was discovered later that legal technicalities made it inoperative in his case.

Because of the mistake made by the advisory board of parole and pardons, Dr. Smith's relatives and friends feared that he would have to spend Christmas in prison. Dr. Smith's son, Dr. H. B. Smith of South Framingham, was at the prison today to greet his father upon his delivery.

Dr. Smith was sentenced to serve from five to seven years. The advisory board of parole and pardons recommended that his sentence be reduced. Lieut. Gov. Barry said that the pardons committee of the governor's council asked the board when Dr. Smith began to serve his sentence and was informed that June 21, 1912, was the date.

The council then voted to reduce the sentence to 3½ years. Lieut. Gov. Barry said that this vote was taken with the understanding that Dr. Smith, having served two-thirds of the 3½ years sentence, could be liberated before Christmas.

Mr. Barry said that the records show that Dr. Smith did not begin to serve his sentence until March 1, 1913, nine months after the date named by the advisory board of paroles and pardons.

The board then recommended that Dr. Smith be granted an absolute pardon and today the committee on pardons took favorable action on the recommendation.

AT "ALTAR OF HEAVEN"

PRES. YUAN SHI KAI OF CHINA REVIVED WORSHIP AT WINTER SOLSTICE

PEKING, Dec. 23.—President Yuan Shi Kai at sunrise today appeared before the "altar of heaven" and revived the worship of heaven at the winter solstice, an observation neglected since the passing of the Manchu dynasty. In this the president of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always have been reserved to the emperor of China in his capacity of Tien Tsz, or "son of heaven."

The president today worshipped at the famous circular altar, the most important of all Chinese religious structures. It is located in a sacred park, three miles from the palace of the emperors and is surrounded by sacred buildings. This altar formerly was regarded in China as the center of the universe.

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PALACE BURNED

Enormous Loss Caused by Fire in Palace of the Kutuktu

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A despatch received here from Urga, Monmotia, relates that the interior of the palace of the Kutuktu, or the deified lama of the Mongols, with all "its priceless treasures, has been destroyed by fire. The loss entailed is said to be enormous.

The wealth of the Kutuktu, derived from the contributions of enthusiastic devotees, is described as very great. In and about Urga he owns 150,000 slaves, an abundance of worldly goods and the most pretentious palace in Mongolia.

EXPERIENCE OF NOBLE WOMEN IN EUROPE

The horrible experiences that many noble women in Europe have endured during past few months can never be all told. Here in America many women, both young and old, have experienced much misery and suffering.

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RUSH AT POSTOFFICE

FULLY 5000 PACKAGES DELIVERED TODAY—BIG FORCE AT WORK

The Christmas rush at the Lowell postoffice is at its height today and packages of all sizes and descriptions are being received and dispatched while letters and postcards, mostly the latter, are being handled by the thousands. The parcel post business is even greater than was expected and almost twice as many packages are being delivered as was the case last year.

Four automobile trucks and five wagons are being utilized today delivering parcels to all parts of the city and it is believed that over 5000 packages will have been delivered when the office closes this evening. This number is a great increase over any year in the history of the office and the efficiency of the employes in handling the mail will undoubtedly establish a record this year.

Postmaster Crowley has employed every man eligible to do the work that he could secure and every inch of space at the postoffice is being used. It is believed that the rush will continue well into tomorrow afternoon.

Deliveries of parcel post will be made on Christmas day and the mail deliveries will also be made for the benefit of those who mailed their Christmas matter late.

If anyone wishes to insure a more speedy delivery of a parcel post package he can put a special delivery stamp on it the same as on a letter or first class mail and have it sent out with the same rapidity as the first class mail.

TO BLOW UP SHIP

Alleged Conspiracy in New Orleans Discovered by Faguet

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The existence of an alleged conspiracy in New Orleans to blow up a French or English passenger ship on the sea by placing an infernal machine in her cargo before she should sail from New York was shown 12 days ago by Paul Faguet, general agent of the French line, according to an announcement made here today.

A small army of detectives was employed to prevent the fruition of the scheme. Every bit of baggage and cargo going into the French line ships was closely examined and the proper authorities, Mr. Faguet said, were promptly notified.

It was believed here that this notification was what resulted in the arrest of four men in New Orleans last night.

"We have taken and shall continue to take every precaution against outrages of this sort," Mr. Faguet said. "It is virtually impossible for an infernal machine to be placed aboard any of our ships while here."

The Cunard line and the International Mercantile line which controls a large proportion of the British trans-Atlantic liners have strengthened their guards and visitors are excluded from the ships and their docks.

DROWNED IN FLOODS

SEVERAL HUNDRED HEAD OF CATTLE PERISHED—HEAVIEST RAINS IN HISTORY OF ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Several hundred head of cattle were drowned last night in floods caused by the heaviest rains in the history of this section of Arizona.

VETERAN BALL PLAYER

PHIL POWERS WHO, BARE-HANDED, CAUGHT FOR SPEEDY PITCHERS, IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Phil Powers who, bare-handed, caught for some of the speediest pitchers in the old National baseball league, died here today, aged 62. Powers was a gilt-edged catcher for the old Mutuals of New York and later became a catcher for the Cincinnati Nationals, which he joined in 1878. After his retirement from active playing, he umpired in the National league until 1892.

GERMAN VICTORIES CLAIMED

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—That the attacks launched yesterday by the allies in Belgium were easily repulsed by the Germans; that the French troops are showing greater activity in the vicinity of Camp De Chalons and that the French movement in the vicinity of Sillerie, Rheims, Souain and Perthes have been partly repelled were the features of the announcement issued today by the German army headquarters.

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FOR EDUCATION

Western States Favored Above Others in Donations of $10,582,591

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Western states have been favored slightly above eastern and middle Atlantic states in the general education board's donations of $10,582,591 to the cause of education, according to a fourth installment of the board's report, made public today.

To western states, the report sets forth there has been given outright $3,967,781; to eastern and middle Atlantic states the sum given outright was $3,562,195; southern states received outright $3,053,625.

Following are the donations made to educational institutions in New England states:

Maine, $50,000; Vermont, 150,000; Massachusetts, $750,000; Connecticut, $400,000; Rhode Island, $150,000.

ARE HELD WITHOUT BAIL

GAUTHIER AND VADENAIS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE OF KILLING JOS. S. GOLDBERG

WORCESTER, Dec. 23.—Henry Gauthier, 28, and Felix Vadenais, Jr., 19 years old, were arraigned in district court today on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Joseph S. Goldberg in Manchaug, Monday night. Both pleaded not guilty, and the case was continued until Jan. 6, at the request of the government. The men were remanded to jail without bail.

THE TREATY OF GHENT

Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Signing Called Off on Account of the War

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Had the European war not interfered, there would begin tomorrow night in Ghent, Flanders, a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent by representatives of the United States and Great Britain. The burgomaster of Ghent was to have tendered a banquet to 50 American, 50 English and 50 Canadian delegates in the hall where the treaty was signed.

Later, Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of George Washington in England, was to have been presented to the American people by the British peace centennary committee. The home already has been purchased. It probably will be rehabilitated and presented later.

Believing despite the war the anniversary should not pass unobserved in the United States, a number of widely known citizens of this country who are interested in the movement issued a communication asking that the day be remembered and celebrated at specified dates beginning Feb. 14. The communication follows:

"One hundred years ago today there was signed at Ghent in Flanders the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, which marked the close of what has happily proved to be the last war between English-speaking peoples of the earth. Today the city of Ghent is at the very center of the terrible conflict that rages in Europe.

"The American peace centenary committee cannot permit this anniversary to pass without inviting the thoughtful attention of their fellow citizens to the contrast presented by the century long period of peace which English-speaking peoples have enjoyed among themselves on the one hand, and the appalling destruction of life, property and great monuments of civilization which the European war involves on the other. It had been our confident hope that the example which the English speaking peoples have set in their relations with each other would be followed by the other great nations of the earth in their several international relations. It had been our earnest desire that the spirit of peaceful and friendly co-operation which each of these peoples manifest toward the people of the United States would also mark their dealings with one another. Unfortunately this was not to be, and we are sorrowfully called upon to mark our centenary celebration in the midst of the most terrible and destructive war that history records.

"Even at such a time, we must avow once more our emphatic faith in the supremacy of justice over force, of law over might. We rejoice in the peaceful relations of a hundred years among all English-speaking peoples, and particularly in the undefended and unfortified line nearly 4000 miles in length, which divides the territory of the United States from that of the Dominion of Canada. The mutual trust, forbearance and helpfulness which make that undefended boundary a link and not a barrier between two peoples, we offer as an example to our warring brothers across the sea.

"It had been our purpose, when our committee was organized in 1910, to plan for a great celebration of the centenary anniversary by various methods which have now, because of the terrible war which is still convulsing Europe and disturbing the whole world, become impracticable until the close of the conflict.

"But we appeal to the people in all the states and to all civic bodies to mark this notable anniversary by suitable exercises in churches of all denominations on the 14th of February, the date agreed upon for that purpose with our associate, the Canadian committee; by formal addresses at the capitals of the respective states on the 17th and 18th of February, the dates of the ratification and proclamation of the treaty; and also by appropriate exercises in all the schools on the 22d day of February, or on such later date or dates in the spring of 1915 as may be locally deemed preferable.

"By which all the children of America should be instructed on the significance of this great event, and of the happy prospect which is assured to us in spite of this horrible war, of another century of continued peace between all the English-speaking peoples of the world."

The signers were: Joseph H. Choate, chairman, New York; William Howard Taft, New Haven; Thomas F. Bayard, Wilmington; George W. Burleigh, New York; Nicholas Murray Butler, New York; William A. Clark, New York; John D. Crimmins, New York; William Curtis Demorest, New York; Henry S. Drinker, South Bethlehem; J. Taylor Ellyson, Richmond; John H. Finlay, Albany; Austen G. Fox, New York; Albert Eugene Gallatin, New York; James Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore; Samuel Gompers, Washington, D. C.; W. O. Hart, New Orleans; Job E. Hedges, New York; Andrew B. Humphrey, New York; Harry Pratt Judson, Chicago; Theodore Marburg, Baltimore; Henry C. Morris, Chicago; Robert C. Morris, New York; Alton B. Parker, New York; Elihu Root, Washington, D. C.; Francis Lynde Stetson, New York; John A. Stewart, New York; Oscar S. Straus, New York; and Frank S. Streeter, Concord.

Plans for the celebration were directed in this country by the American peace centenary committee, which has headquarters here.

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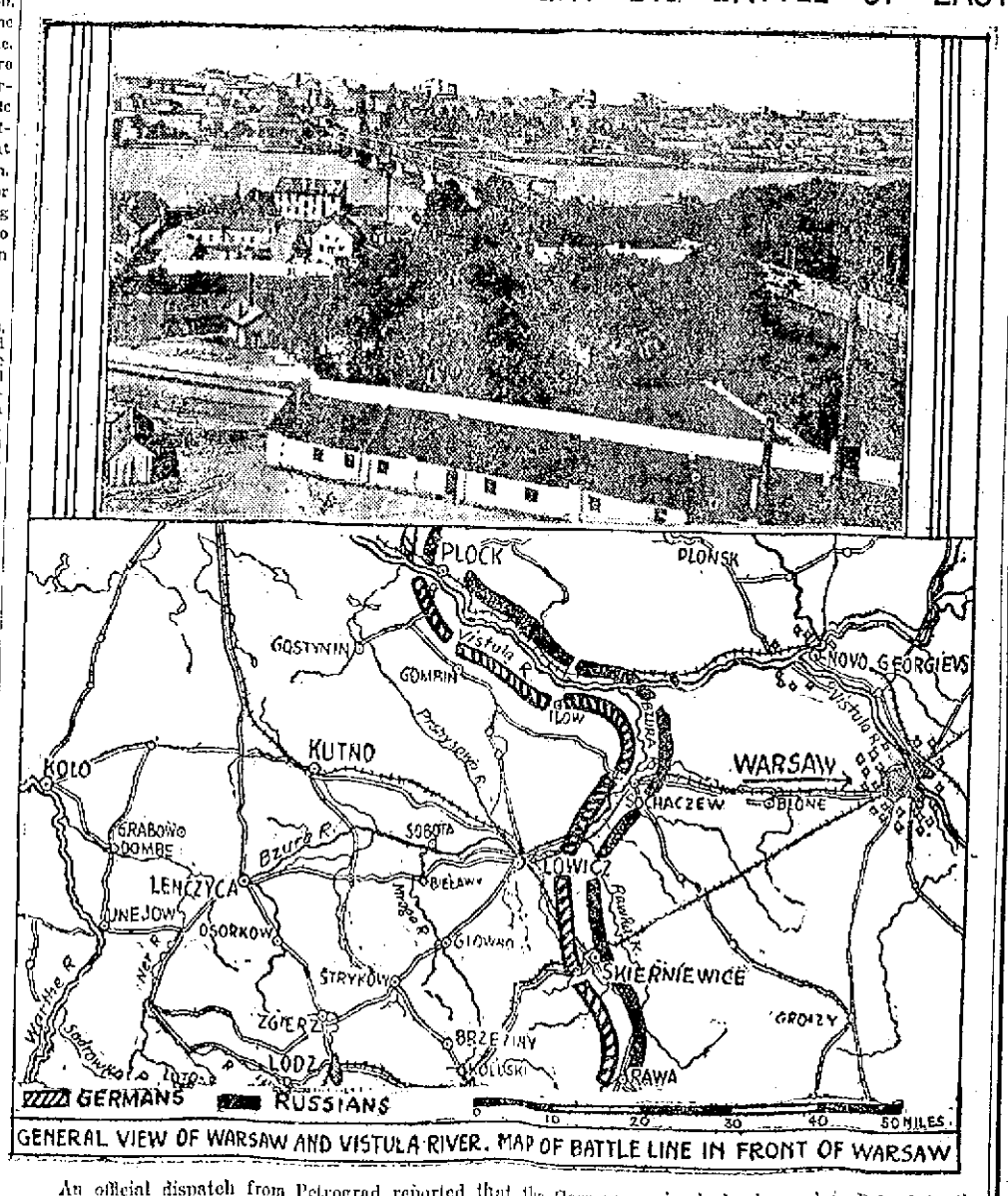

GENERAL VIEW OF WARSAW AND VISTULA RIVER. MAP OF BATTLE LINE IN FRONT OF WARSAW

An official dispatch from Petrograd reported that the German armies had advanced in Poland to the Bzura river. They were evidently moving on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pillica, occupying Lowicz. The Russians retired across the Bzura river, destroying the bridges as they went. Further south, according to a Berlin report, the Russians prepared strong positions near Rawa and the Nida. The map shows the approximate battle line when the Germans were within fifteen miles of Warsaw and when German airships were dropping bombs on that city. A general view of Warsaw, showing the Vistula river, is here seen.

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1 can A&P Corn Syrup.....10c
1 can Kleen Sweep.....10c
1 pkg. A&P Ice Cream or Jelly Powder.....10c
1 bot. Liquid Blue.....10c
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THE SPELLBINDER

Said a lawyer to me yesterday: "I ppose you noticed the large number claims that the municipal council, ith two members of the bar among s membership, and a city solicitor n the side, voted to settle?"

When I replied affirmatively, he re-arked: "Did it occur to you that it ould be interesting to know how any of those claims could be col-cted in court if the claimants had rought action against the city? From hat I read of those claims in the wspaper reports I should say that uite a few of them would be verdicts r the defendant."

Brief Inaugural

Mayor Murphy has stated that his augural address will be brief while e other members will make no ad-resses. There is little, if any, neces-ity, for an inaugural address on the rt of any of the members, particu-rly those who as yet have not held ffice. In many of the cities in which e commission form of government in vogue, the new members are worn in by the city clerk at the rst meeting of the new year and are ssigned to their respective depart-ents, after which the council gets ght down to business without frills r ceremony, and such is the spirit f the charter. There is a possibility hat we may be treated to a valedic-ory at the closing meeting of the resent year.

And Still They Come

And still the offers of "square rands" at $50 per copy come pouring to the purchasing agent and the hool department. One of the latest nes from way up in New Hamp-ire where a lady has a $1250 rose-ood piano that she will turn over to e city for $50. Talk about a bar-ain! I notice in the papers the atement that Purchasing Agent oye will be guided in making his urchases by an expert who was for-erly employed by Chickering & Co., once celebrated firm of piano and rgan manufacturers of Boston. He hould also get the assistence of ave Zizkind and John P. Quinn, who e experts respectively on junk and ndling wood.

Auto Dealers Peeved

It is said that some of the auto ealers are considerably peeved over e manner in which the administra-on has acted in making its purchases f automobiles. Purchasing autos for e city departments reminds one of e old days of smooth paving. An-ually some one would make a motion pave one or more streets with smooth paving" and then there would llow a battle-royal over the kind f smooth paving to be laid, with the sual junkets, fights, accusations and her features of municipal indoor ports.

If the machine purchased for the hief of the fire department last year as all right why should a new one e needed this year? If another blun-er be made this year will it mean nother automobile for the chief of e fire department next year?

Firemen's Christmas Gift

Everybody in Lowell, and that in-udes Park Commissioner Henry arr, will laud the fire laddies for eir generous Christmas gift to the oor of Lowell. It was a thoughtful ct and will go a long way toward creasing the general popularity of e fire department as a body. With fund of $162 the firemen provided ood substantial dinners for 116 poor milies, making glad the hearts of robably five times that number of ndividuals, at least, for it seems to e the dispensation of Providence that oor families are generally large fam-lies. The city of Lowell which has a reater responsibility relative to the oor of the city than any single de-artment thereof, having saved about 400 of its appropriation for band oncerts, rather than allow this money o be returned to the general treasury s about to spend it on a Christmas ve celebration in the open air, to-ight, the program of which will con-ist of a Christmas tree, electrically ighted, a band concert, and the sing-ng of Christmas carols, for the bene-it of those who have sufficient cloth-ng to make it possible for them to stand in the night air for a couple of hours without endangering their health. If the firemen can make 116 poor families happy on $162, what a great amount of good the municipal council might have done by spending that $400 in similar manner. Both daily papers called attention early in the week to the large number of ap-peals for aid that were made to Mayor Murphy. The Sun quoted His Honor as saying that Monday was the worst day he has had since taking office, for such appeals. It has been or-dained that the poor shall be always with us, and likewise that it is more blessed to give than to receive; there-fore, when the municipal council or private individuals have any money for which they have no particular use, why not use it to make some poor souls happy, instead of wasting it in hollow ostentation?

The Boston Idea

In Boston last year, a Christmas tree celebration was held on Boston common, which cost the city $5,000. This year, however, Mayor Curley wisely believing that Christmas carols and an empty Christmas tree were not very effective aids to digestion, or conquerors of hunger, declined to have a similar celebration but instead held a charity ball for the benefit of the poor of the city, which netted $12,000, that will be spent to feed and clothe the worthy poor. Quite a dif-ference from what the poor are get-ting from the city in Lowell.

A Word of Advice

Do your Christmas shopping early but if you can't do it early, at least do it before you go to the South com-mon tonight, and then if you have any money left, either pin it in your pock-et or deposit it in your stocking, as the case may be, where it will be safe, for you know the reputation of the South common at night, for lawless-ness and inadequate police protection. Complaints galore have come from the Highland and Thorndike street sides of the South common, where there have been shooting affrays and women held up, robbed and assaulted. Now comes a complaint from the Summer street side where, it is said one or more unknown men have been terrorizing the neighborhood by en-tering the yards, removing the week's washing from the line and placing it on the front piazzas, peering into windows and frightening women. A few evenings ago a woman residing in Summer street, hearing a noise on her piazza, went to the door to find a man there who after addressing an in-sulting remark to her made his escape in the darkness.

The Poor Police

A lady residing in Centralville who has written The Spellbinder an in-teresting letter on her impression of local conditions, says among other things, the following:

"As for the police: No sporting club ever was gayer than the police on duty at the northern end of Central-ville bridge, and everybody there is afraid to complain. People who have occupied houses in lower First street for nearly forty years are actually afraid to complain and remain awake or are awakened over and over again each night by the 12.30 squad coming on, and talking as if at grand opera trying to be heard above the music. Again at 1 o'clock while the first shift gathers and plays while waiting for 1.15, when they march over the bridge to report; then—the mob that lives in Centralville stamps across at 1.45—never less than 15, and all talking as if miles from civilization. When they reach First street they yell at the officers on duty and there is a great pow-pow of confidences. I am so tired of listening to policemen's secrets and opinions that I am almost willing to enter the complaint myself."

As one who has the more or less enviable reputation of having attained a certain degree of proficiency in the art of "hammer-throwing," I stand uncovered, while contemplating the above, and venture the opinion that for scientific and finished "without limit or reserve" hammer-throwing, commend me to a woman. I would suggest as a remedy that the lady in question take notes on those ex-changes of confidence and submit them to "The Spellbinder" for publi-cation. Undoubtedly the desired ef-fect will be obtained after one publi-cation while incidentally the public might get a little "inside" information relative to the police department.

Or did you ever try sticking your fair head out of the window and cry-ing at the top of your musical lungs: "Help, Murder, Police!" But by the time the "mob" had hoofed it back to headquarters and had returned with the inspectors who handle all of the more intricate mysteries, you'd be sound asleep.

Mayoralty Candidates

It is rumored that as the "Heavenly Twins" Messrs. Jewett and Achin have played the game together since they entered politics, Rep. Achin will be a candidate for mayor, while friends of Rep. Jewett state that he will also be a candidate. Rep. Achin's friends take it for granted that there is to be a French-American candidate for mayor next year and as Henri on each occasion that he has run for office has shown the necessary strength, and as a representative has shown that strength in three of the nine wards, while upon the only oc-casion of Dr. Migneault's candidacy for elective office he has not shown the necessary strength to secure even a nomination, they consider that Mr. Achin will be the stronger of the two before the public and hence consider him the "logical" French-American candidate.

The contest between Achin and Jewett should be a very interesting and friendly one. But neither gentle-man has made any personal declara-tion of intention in the matter.

Belvidere Associates

When a number of young men re-siding in Belvidere organized a social club with headquarters in East Merri-mack street and hung out a trans-parency booming two of their mem-bers who were candidates for munici-pal office, they were dubbed a politi-cal club, and the opinion was freely expressed that election day would put the club out of existence. Election day came, however, without bringing success to the two club members who were candidates, but the club instead of going out of existence as was pre-dicted, turned its attention to helping the worthy poor of Belvidere, thereby setting a worthy example to all other similar organizations, and distributed shoes, stockings and clothing to some 30 or 40 poor families. Pretty good business for an alleged "fly-by-night" political club.

As Tiny Tim once remarked: "God bless us; everyone," and that includes the municipal council.

THE SPELLBINDER.

Brownies, Asso., Christmas eve.

SLEEPYTIME TALES

BY VIRGINIA VALE

FOR THE LITTLE READERS OF THE SUN

TOM'S ADVENTURE

Once upon a time, when there was snow on the ground, two boys named Ned and Jack lived in the country and at Christmas they were given presents of air guns which they were very anxious to try on real game.

Ned's father said Christmas morning after breakfast: "Why don't you go out in the woods and see if you cannot get us a rabbit for a slew tonight."

Of course he was joking, as air guns would not be strong enough to kill rabbits, so father thought.

The boys started off with their guns over their shoulders and were very sure that they would bring home not one but several rabbits. They found a lot of tracks in the snow in the woods which they thought must be rabbit tracks and one track that looked very big even for a large rabbit made them decide to follow it, for they thought it might even be a bear and such mighty hunters as they would not be afraid of a bear you may be sure.

Suddenly they heard a noise behind some bushes and they began to be a little nervous and shaky for they thought: "What if it should really and truly be a bear?".

Just as they decided that they must be brave, and had raised their guns to fire into the brush, there was a terrible noise, the bushes split apart and bounding toward them came old "Tom," Jack's big Newfound-land dog.

They were frightened at first, but oh what a relief when they realized that it was not a bear but their old friend Tom. It was his tracks they had followed and not those of a bear; not even a rabbit.

They had had enough of rabbit shooting, however, and gladly romped home with "Tom" to tell Father what a narrow escape they had had from perhaps wounding their old friend. They decided, too, that it would be wicked to shoot the poor little rabbits and that they would shoot only at a target thereafter.

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

The Musketaquid mills will probably commence operations on Monday.

Hang up your stocking tonight, and be sure it's a big one.

Business in the stores is reported very good, better than they had hoped for.

A Merry Christmas and most pros-perous New Year to every man, woman and child in the city!

Fred Smith of the Spaulding Shoe Co., will spend Christmas with rela-tives in Boston.

Henry Newell of the American Hide & Leather Co., has returned from a visit to relatives in Cambridge, Mass.

Thomas Conley of the Bigelow-Hart-ford Carpet Co., is much pleased with the present from Nashua, N. H.

Kempton, the City League champ jumped into first place in the individ-ual tsanding this week.

Frank McCartin is home again in time for the annual Christmas tree celebration. Frank also has another event to ponder over.

Frank Gookin, a prominent Lowell boy employed at his trade as a plumb-er, in Boston, is home for the holi-days.

Paul McCaffrey of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. won in his bowl-ing match over Leo Hindle of the Tre-mont & Suffolk mills.

Shedd park was flooded yesterday and skating will in all probability be enjoyed by hundreds of lovers of the winter sport tomorrow.

The Painters union will meet tonight in Carpenters hall. The Machinists union will convene in Cotton Spinners hall, 22 Middle street.

The Tremont & Suffolk mills have not received the large blanket order as yet, although it is expected at any time.

John Mulligan of the Prescott mills rolled the remarkable three string to-tal of 347 at a local alley last evening. It would be well for some of the City league teams to look him up.

Organizer Daniel E. Whalen of the Boot & Shoe Workers' union left today for Brockton where he will spend Christmas with his family. He'll be back at work on Saturday.

Fred Gillis of the Field Lumbert Shoe Co. is the acknowledged card champ at the Y. M. C. I., winning the title from Ed. Leonard in a series of games last night.

Diamond rings were numerous among the presents received by the young ladies employed in the local in-dustries, and some of them took much pride in exhibiting them.

Business at the stores picked up re-markably in the past few days and the clerks were kept pretty busy. Christ-mas shopping has been later than usual this year, and today the rush was on in earnest.

The plant of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. closed down tonight for a period of ten days. This respite will be given over to the annual stocktak-ing, after which everything is expected to go along prosperously.

William H. Harrington, a prominent Lowell boy employed in Manchester, N. H., will arrive in this city late tonight. "Bill" will have charge of the annual Christmas tree celebration at the Y. M. C. I. tomorrow afternoon.

Shoe Foremen Remembered

Foreman Sullivan of the finishing de-partment at the Barry Shoe Co., was presented an umbrella and a box of cigars by his employes yesterday. Overseer Thayer of the stitching room received a smoking jacket and slip-pers to match, and Overseer Mulcahey of the cutting department was the re-cipient of a beautiful gas lamp. J. W. Barry, the owner, President Griffin and Superintendent White, each received a smoking jacket, the gifts coming from the foremen. This afternoon work was suspended, and the employes held forth in a Christmas party.

Carpenters Union

The Carpenters union, local 1610, held a lengthy business session in the union quarters last evening and busi-ness of considerable importance was transacted. Several applications for membership were received and turned over to the Investigating committee, who will report on them at the next regular meeting. It was suggested that a joint open meeting be held next Tuesday night, and further arrange-ments were made at the meeting of the joint council which followed. Local 13 will unite with Local 1610 in making the meeting a grand success. Every carpenter in the city, whether union or nonunion, is invited to attend this meeting. William J. Shields of Ja-maica Plain, general organizer for the Carpenters union, will be one of the speakers, as will Organizer Millette of Worcester.

Lowell's Mills Booming

Lowell's mills on every hand are be-ginning to derive the benefits of the great European war, and indications point to every mill in the city running to capacity after the first of the year. In some of the mills already looms that have been idle for years have been started up, and many new names have been added to the payrolls. This is en-couraging in view of the fact that mills in other textile centres have felt little or no effect of the boom as yet. With the winter upon us the armies of Eu-rope will have to be clothed and pro-vided with other necessities of life, and this business will come to this country. The heads of mills in all textile centres are optimistic and predict unprece-dented prosperity for this country.

Although the shoe business in this city is not booming, better times are promised and this part of the city's in-dustrial life will share in the coming prosperity. One shoe concern is at present making samples for army shoes, and a large government order is expected at any time.

Brownies, Associate hall, tonight.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY 4—BUSINESS, HOWEVER, TO BE RESTRICTED

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It was officially announced last evening that the Lon-don Stock Exchange will reopen Jan. 4.

The conduct of business, however, will be restricted by stringent regula-tions imposed by the treasury in the interest of the nation. The exchange has been closed since the outbreak of the war.

The regulations under which the ex-change will operate will include the following:

Dealings except for cash will be prohibited; the present minimum price lists are to be maintained and extended to all transactions recorded; a broker at the time of selling securi-ties must show that he possesses or controls them; no dealings in new is-sues will be allowed unless approved by the treasury; no member will be allowed to bid for or offer stock open-ly in the market; no member will be permitted to negotiate the purchase or sale "of shares dealt in on the Ameri-can market at a less price than the English equivalent of the New York closing price of the 30th of July"; only British-born or naturalized mem-bers or clerks will be admitted to the exchange.

Best ever, Associate hall, Dec. 24.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN VESTRY

The Christmas trees in the vestry of the Kirk Street church proved a great attraction yesterday afternoon. There were two large trees hung with gifts and decorated with tiny incan-descent lamps. Clarence W. Hoyt substituted for Santa Claus and he looked enough like Santa to be his brother. Before Santa put in an ap-pearance the large audience present was entertained by the Ruggles scene from the Birds' Christmas Carol. Mrs. Murray H. Pratt was the mother and her children were cleverly repre-sented by Helen Carley, Doris Carey, Jack Harvey, Helena Marriott, Everett Whipple, Maroa Pratt, Clarence Mar-riott, Ethelyn Leinhas and Thurlow MacBrayne.

Some time tonight, Associate, the Brownies will be there.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

NASHUA WILL CONTEST

ARREST OF RANDOLPH W. FAR-LEY AND ATTACHMENT OF HIS PROPERTY

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 24.—The ar-rest in a civic process of Randolph W. Farley and the attachment of his property in $5000 added another chap-ter to the mystery of the will of Frederick Kelsey, former superintend-ent of schools. The complainants are Fred M. Barnard of Manchester and Bernice I. Plummer of Goffstown, who were among the beneficiaries named in the alleged will of Kelsey, which the probate court last Wednesday re-fused to allow. They claim in the papers filed in the suit that Farley wrote a document purporting to be Kelsey's will, knowing it to be fraudu-lent, and by so doing put them to great expense.

Farley was a neighbor of Kelsey's. The alleged will, which was disallow-ed, was found behind a bookcase in Kelsey's home, after a long search. It purported to dispose of an estate of $226,000, giving a third to the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, one-third to Bernice I. Plummer, and the remainder, with the exception of $10,000 to the Congrega-tional church, to Kelsey's half-uncles, George and Fred Barnard, his heirs-at-law. Farley was given a few old coins and other relics by the will. By the action of the probate court the estate reverts to the heirs-at-law.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

HOBSON FOR PRESIDENT

HE BRUSHES THE IDEA ASIDE, —DECLARES PROHIBITION WILL BE A NATIONAL ISSUE IN 1916

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Probably the most chipper survivor of the prohibition fracas is Representa-tive Hobson, whose defeat was soften-ed yesterday by almost a dozen nomi-nations for the presidency, in person, by wire and by mail. Some urged him to run on the democratic ticket, some on the prohibition, and some at the head of a composite ballot.

Although he felt complimented by the suggestion, Capt. Hobson brushed the idea aside and declared he had not been looking for political prefer-ment through his fight, but had been working for a principal. He declared that the prohibition fight had just started and would be made a national issue in 1916.

Good time at Brownies, Asso. hall.

MUNICIPAL XMAS TREE TONIGHT

The municipal Christmas tree, a graceful hemlock, 40 feet in height, will be the centre of attraction at the South common this evening. The tree will be beautifully illuminated with myriads of incandescent lights and surmounted with a dazzling star. The switch will be turned on at 7 o'clock this evening and the illumination will follow. The monster Christmas tree will not hold any Christmas presents, but it will be very beautiful to look upon. A great circle of powerful arc lamps will surround the tree. The ex-ercises will not begin until 10.30 o'clock. The first number on the pro-gram will be a selection by the band of 40 pieces, directed by William Re-gan. After 11 o'clock the male choir, under the direction of Alex. Williams, chorister at St. Anne's Episcopal church, will sing Christmas carols. The choir will be accompanied by the band and all those who will be there and who know the carols are invited to sing them. Leaflets holding the words will be distributed. The exercises will close after midnight with a selection by the band.

Best ever, Associate hall, tonight.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS TREE TO-NIGHT AT THE COMPANY'S QUAR-TERS IN APPLETON STREET

The 80 telephone operators employed at the local exchange will hold a Christmas tree celebration in the com-pany's building on Appleton street to-night. The tree, handsomely decor-ated with lights and filled with gifts, will be placed in the recreation room which has been specially arranged for the occasion. The affair is only for the operators, and they will forget their troubles at the switchboard and show a real Christmas spirit. It is said that one of the girls is to take the part of Santa Claus and distribute the gifts which the young women will make to each other. An entertainment will be furnished and dainty refreshments will be served.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS

OHIO BREWERY CONCERN BLAMES DECREASED DEMAND, "DRY" VOTES AND ADVERSE LEGISLATION

COLUMBUS, Dec. 24.—The Hoster-Columbus Breweries company, a $12,-000,000 corporation, went into the hands of receivers yesterday on order of the United States district court. "De-creased demand for beer, adverse legis-lation and the voting "dry" of many states and counties in the last eight years," was given as the cause.

The appointment of receivers was made on a showing that the company had defaulted payment upon a judg-ment of $3518. The court named C. Christian Born and Carl J. Hoster, large stockholders, as receivers.

The company had $4,350,000 outstand-ing capital stock and $4,899,000 out-standing bonds. Most stocks and bonds were secured by mortgage on property in Ohio, Virginia, West Vir-ginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New Jersey.

In its statement the company de-clared the voting dry of West Vir-ginia was "the last straw" in a serious of legislative acts which reduced seri-ously the sale of its product. In-crease of the saloon license fee to $1000 by the Ohio legislature eight years ago, a county local option law and the more recent license system by which the number of saloons was greatly cut down were mentioned as other causes.

Miner's at Associate hall, tonight.

ONLY 10 BELOW AT DOVER, N. H.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 24.—Yesterday was the coldest day of the season here. The thermometer registered from 5 to 10 below zero.

SITUATIONS WANTED

YOUNG LADY WISHES POSITION, first class waitress or any neat work. Capable, honest and trustworthy; very best of references. Address E 23, Sun Office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COTTAGE HOUSE FOR SALE; SIX rooms; steam heat, bath, hot and cold water, hardwood polished floors, quar-tered oak front room and hall. See owner, 141 Humphrey st.

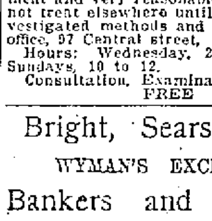
LOST AND FOUND

THREE GREEN TRADING STAMP books lost between postoffice and 44 Barclay st., by way of Appleton and Westford sts. Finder return to 44 Barclay st. for reward.

BLACK POCKETBOOK LOST MON-day afternoon between Kennedy's but-ter store, Merrimack st. and cor. Salem and Gage sts., containing sum of money. Reward for return to Coffey Bros., Suffolk st.

TRADERS NATIONAL BANK

Large or small deposits bought. Write Hallis N. Smith, 86 Weybosset st., Providence, R. I.



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Terms always made to suit the con-venience of anyone applying for treat-ment and very reasonable charges. Do not treat elsewhere until you have in-vestigated methods and terms. Lowell office, 97 Central street, Mansur block. Hours: Wednesday, 2 to 4, 7 to 8, Sundays, 10 to 12.

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TO LET

GOOD LOFT NEAR DEPOT ON Middlesex st., to let, for light manufac-turing or for paint or carpenter shop. Martin Robbins & Son, 233 Hildreth building.

SUNNY SIX-ROOM TENEMENT TO let at No. Billerica; steam heat; hen house; garden; handy to mills and depot. J. Mahine, Billerica ave., No. Billerica.

NEW, MODERN LODGING HOUSE, light housekeeping, at 111 Worthen st.

FIVE-ROOM FLAT TO LET, HOT and cold water, hardwood floors, cement cellar. Inquire 17 South Highland st., or tel. 2358-R.

FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED rooms to let; single or ensuite at 222 and 224 Worthen st.

UP-TO-DATE 4-ROOM TENEMENT to let. Apply at 302 Westford st.

WARM DOWNSTAIRS 5-ROOM flat, to let; bath, set tubs, etc. 471 School st. Tel. 2271-R.

STORE AND TENEMENT TO LET at 231 Gorham st. Inquire at 6 Eagan's court, up one flight.

LARGE STORE TO LET AT 66 GOR-ham st. Good business stand; terms reasonable. Apply 62 Gorham st.

VERY DESIRABLE 4-ROOM TENE-ment facing street; toilet on floor; easily run furnace; no pipe smoking or dogs. Kindest of treatment under me; nice for two or three ladies. See it today. George E. Brown, 79 Chestnut st.

HOUSE OF 11 LARGE ROOMS TO let at 78 East Merrimack st.; modern conveniences. Inquire 18 Franklin st. Tel. 1555-W.

A BAKERY TO LET AT 57 BRANCH street; $12.00 per month; store $15.00 per month. Inquire 167 Stevens st., mornings or evenings. Tel. 3515-R.

COLUMBIA HALL TO LET. DANCES, meetings, etc. Inquire Janitor, 108 Middle st.

NEW MODERN COTTAGE IN DRA-cut Centre, to let; also clean, bright tenement near Gorham st., for small family. Dr. Wesley Sawyer.

PLEASANT SUNNY ROOMS TO LET; steam heat, electric light, bath. Ap-ply 5 Webster st.

FIVE ROOM FLAT TO LET, 17 Waugh st.; steam heat, electric light and all modern improvements. In-quire Farrell & Conaton, 243 Dutton st.

THE OFFICES OCCUPIED FOR many years by Dr. Carolin, to let, in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank building. Inquire at bank.

EIGHT-ROOM FLAT TO LET WITH all modern conveniences; opposite Fort Hill Park. Apply 499 High st., upper bell.

FOR RENT AT 990 MIDDLESEX ST., house of 9 rooms; stable if wanted; new furnace. Inquire 324 Market st.

STORE AT 95 APPLETON ST., TO let. Good show windows. Steam heat. Apply to E. T. Wilder, Traders Na-tional Bank.

STEAM HEATED ROOMS TO LET at 19 Hurd st.

TWO GOOD OFFICES IN THE HAR-rington building, 52 Central st., to let at a very low rental. If desired will be rented for rooming purposes. Ap-ply to D. J. Harrington, Building Man-ager, 901 Sun building.

A LARGE OFFICE, 31 BY 14 FEET on the second floor of the Harrington building, 52 Central st., good light and ventilation, for rent. Will be par-titioned off to suit a desirable tenant and will be rented or leased at a very reasonable rent. Apply to D. J. Har-rington, Building Manager, 901 Sun building.

ROOM SUITABLE FOR BARBER shop or business office, to let; on sec-ond floor of the Harrington building, 52 Central st.

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Separate room $1 per month for regular $2 two-horse load. Pianos 50c. The dryest and cleanest place for storage in Lowell. Telephone con-nection. O. F. Prentiss, 350 Bridge st.

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MEN AND WOMEN WANTED—CAN earn $2 to $50 a week writing moving picture plays, experience unnecessary. Particulars free. Dunne Publishing Co., 35 Bustin st., Worcester, Mass.

ONE PULLER OVER WANTED ON boys' shoes. Apply Federal Shoe Co., Dix st.

FIRST CLASS CYLINDER VAMPERS wanted on men's Goodyear welt; none others need apply. Stover & Bean Co., Hood bldg.

CAPABLE WOMAN OF GOOD AP-pearance wanted for excellent position. Apply by letter, 8 Smith st.

TABLE GIRL WANTED AT 213 Dutton st. Apply at once.

HOW TO GET THE POSITION you want. How to get ahead of oth-er applicants. How to locate in other cities. Send for circular describ-ing little book. Lock Box 1957, Boston.

A TALENTED PERSON MAY EARN as high as $500 a year writing verses for popular songs in spare time. Send samples of your poems. Instructive book free. Dugdale Company, Studio A, Washington, D. C.

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A FACT—EVERYBODY CAN HAVE a piano if they buy it of W. F. Trum-bell. He carries the best made, at the lowest figure and easy terms. 101 Westford st.

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THE CORAM HOUSE, "PRIVATE Hospital" has a few rooms to rent to graduate nurses in good standing. Telephone 4622.

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KEY TO FIRE ALARM BOXES

1 All box numbers commencing with the figure one, as 12, 13, etc., up to 131, are located within a radius of about one-half mile, from the North common, extending from Dutton street north to Pawtucket street and from School street east to Merrimack mills.

2 All box numbers commencing with two as 21, 23, etc., are located in the business area about one-quarter mile radius from the post office, extending from Boott mills to South common and from Dutton street to Concord river.

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6 All numbers commencing with six, are located in Centralville.

7 All numbers commencing with sev-en, are located in Pawtucketville.

8 All numbers commencing with eight, are located in Belvidore.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Div. To Boston Lve.	Arr.	From Boston Lve.	Arr.	Portland Div. To Boston Lve.	Arr.	From Boston Lve.	Arr.
5.43	6.50	2.55	3.38	6.35	7.36	z6.39	8.06
6.25	7.26	6.00	6.58	n7.52	8.45	9.13	10.20
6.47	7.37	7.11	8.24	9.33	10.53	10.50	11.53
b6.40	7.53	7.30	8.35	10.57	12.07	11.50	12.55
6.57	8.00	n8.21	9.20	12.02	1.13	3.30	4.40
7.21	8.05	8.00	9.39	z1.27	2.40	5.14	6.13
s7.38	8.40	9.30	10.08	3.40	4.41	6.03	7.05
7.56	8.37	11.30	12.09	5.16	6.41	7.00	8.15
8.55	9.37	12.30	1.09	7.25	8.35	9.59	11.00
z9.20	10.34	2.00	3.06	10.25	11.38		
9.30	10.18	3.00	3.46				
10.14	11.36	b3.44	5.00				
11.03	11.45	4.00	4.38				
12.15	1.05	s4.14	5.34				
1.45	2.25	5.00	5.88				
2.30	3.27	b5.21	6.32				
3.40	4.30	5.38	6.34				
4.20	5.27	b5.51	7.14				
5.31	6.23	6.14	7.23				
b6.17	7.22	8.00	8.38				
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.08				
6.05	8.00	10.30	11.36				
9.46	10.30	11.10	12.36				

Sunday Trains

Southern Division Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
6.47	7.30	8.45	9.47
7.21	8.05	9.30	10.08
8.30	9.36	11.30	12.03
9.06	9.59	1.00	1.69
10.20	11.17	5.30	6.24
2.42	3.25	8.00	8.33
5.10	6.00	8.30	9.08
6.27	7.10	9.20	10.25
8.06	8.50	10.29	11.35
9.46	10.30		

Portland Division Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
8.20	9.27	8.00	9.18
12.10	1.16	12.00	1.00
3.50	6.06	3.30	4.46
6.45	7.00	5.20	6.56
8.55	10.04	8.45	9.43

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FIVE PERSONS CAUGHT IN NEW YORK FIRE TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—When Arthur Corse, a telephone operator at a down-town hospital, paused a moment at the "dying" ward to enquire about five persons who had been caught in a fire trap on the top floor of their home on this, the day before Christmas, and for whom he had rushed out the hospital ambulances a few minutes before, he found the dying and dead to be his own mother, three brothers and a cousin.

Four of these had been suffocated in their tenement at 316 West 49th street before aid could reach them, the fifth, Corse's mother, is dying at the hospital. They were: Mrs. Mary Corse, 48 years old, her three sons, Charles 21, Frank 19, and Harry 7, and her niece, Grace Anadale, 8 years old.

The fire started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shafts. Scores of other tenants in the building suffered from inhaling smoke and minor injuries in escaping from the building. Patrolmen and firemen performed many thrilling rescues from windows on the fourth and fifth floors. The loss on the building was small amounting to about $5,000.

QUINCY A. SHAW IS ILL

PRESIDENT OF CALUMET & HECLA MINING CO. SUFFERS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Quincy A. Shaw, president of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., has been compelled to relinquish all business as well as his diversified athletic and social activities because of a physical and nervous breakdown, according to a statement made by his uncle, Major Henry L. Higginson, today. The condition of Mr. Shaw, who is widely known through his management of the mining interests organized by his father, the late Quincy A. Shaw, and his participation in sports is said to have been due to overwork.

Mr. Shaw has been actively engaged in the affairs of the Calumet properties for ten years, during which time he has been confronted with the problems of the futile attempt to consolidate the several copper companies of northern Michigan; a strike of Calumet miners resulting in a federal investigation two years ago; and finally the depression in the copper business caused by the war. Throughout his business troubles, Mr. Shaw continued his interest in amateur sports, particularly golf, polo, lawn and court tennis and racquets.

Mr. Shaw first showed evidence of breaking down a few days ago. On Sunday he failed to keep a dinner engagement, after which he submitted to medical treatment. Since that time he has been under the care of a physician.

The copper mines owned by the Calumet & Hecla company were discovered by Alexander Agassiz, a son of the Swiss naturalist and were developed by him and the elder Shaw.

The Calumet & Hecla company early became one of the most profitable concerns of the country and the stock, which originally sold for $1 a share some 40 years ago, touched the high mark of $1000 a share in 1906. Its par value is $25. The financial stress of 1907, the strike of miners, the failure of the Consolidation plans and the general depreciation in the price of the metal depressed the price of the company's stock, until last summer it was selling at $400 a share. Following the outbreak of the war, the company for the first time in its history in September passed the quarterly dividend. At the quarterly meeting of the directors last week the dividend was again passed. The stock was selling on the local exchange today at 350.

O'Sullivan Says:

TIME IS UP TODAY

Today is the last day you have to do your Christmas shopping, also the last day of the "give away a barrel of apples" with every purchase of $5.00 or over, at the Merrimack Clothing Company.

If you've waited until today before gift buying, you'll have to do your shopping in a hurry. Your choice won't suffer if you come to the Merrimack Clothing Company.

Below is printed a few last minute suggestions.

Men's House Coats, at $3.95 to $7.50
Men's Bath Robes, at $3.95 to $7.50
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Men's Hosiery, at 12 1-2c to 50c
Men's Handkerchiefs, at 5c to $1.00
Men's Neckwear, at 25c to $1.50
Women's Bath Robes, $3.95 to $7.50
Women's Silk Petticoats, at $1.95 to $5.00
Women's Waists, at 95c to $5.00
Women's Sweaters, at $3.95 to $10.00
Women's Handkerchiefs, at 12 1-2c to $1.00
Boys' Mackinaws, at.....$5.00
Boys' Sweaters, at $1.95 to $4.00
Boys' Play Suits, at $1.00 to $2.00
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APPEAL TO SAVE FRANK

ANOTHER EFFORT TO BE MADE BY LOUIS MARSHALL, COUNSEL OF CONDEMNED MAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Louis Marshall of New York, attorney for Leo Frank, the Atlanta factory superintendent under sentence of death for the murder of Mary Phagan, arrived in Washington today to present to Justice Lamar of the supreme court an application for an appeal from the refusal of Judge Newman of the Georgia federal court to release Frank on a habeas corpus writ. In addition to the formal appeal, Mr. Marshall had prepared for the justice's signature a certificate stating that in his opinion there was probable cause for appeal. Such a certificate is necessary in an appeal of this kind.

MR. GOLDSTEIN COMING

TO LECTURE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DECEMBER 31—FORMER SOCIALIST

Mr. David Goldstein, the famous orator on Socialism, will lecture on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 31, at Associate hall, with "Socialism" as his subject. Mr. Goldstein is known throughout the country as one of the greatest authorities on this topic. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and will come to Lowell through the arrangements afforded by that order through its local branch, Lowell council, No. 72. It is expected that Mr. Goldstein's fame as an orator alone will cause the large auditorium to be taxed to its full capacity.

Mr. Goldstein has lectured throughout the country on Socialism and his treatment of the subject has always accorded the highest commendation. He is a student of every side of the question and is admitted by socialists themselves to be their most formidable opponent. Everywhere his appearance and oratory have been received with grand patriotic demonstrations and newspapers have published glowing accounts of his successes.

Having been formerly a member of the socialist movement, Mr. Goldstein is well equipped to delve deeply into the subject and consider it from every viewpoint. He was the first socialist candidate for mayor of the city of Boston. He resigned from the movement soon after and became its most feared opponent.

AEROPLANE DROPS BOMB OVER DOVER, ENGLAND

Petrograd Reports Two Austrian Companies Annihilated and Over 7000 Men Captured—3,835 British Officers Killed, Wounded or Missing

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—A statement issued by the official press bureau today regarding the fighting along the Russian front says:

"On the left bank of the Pilica obstinate fighting continues in the region of the village of Jesesec and Rokowawolia, about six miles west of Nowemiasto.

"On the right bank of the Pilica we have made progress in the vicinity of Opoczno and Tomaszo.

"In Galicia our success continues. South of the Vistula we captured during the 20th and 21st, 66 officers and 5500 men, three cannon and ten mitrailleuses.

"In the Carpathians, while pursuing the retreating Austrians we captured on Dec. 22 30 officers and about 1500 men.

"Near Przemysl the Austrians attempted a new sortie during which several of their advance companies were completely annihilated. Other advance companies were made prisoners. In this affair we seized about a mile of railroad leading into the city."

3835 BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED OR MISSING

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—A total of 3835 British officers were killed, wounded or missing so far in the European war, according to an official statement of the war office here today. These are divided as follows: Killed 1081; wounded, 2152; missing, 602.

The casualties occurred in all branches of the service, about 60 different regiments having lost one or more officers in killed or wounded. No officers, however, are reported missing in the list, a feature that has been more or less prevalent in previous casualty reports.

Twenty-three British officers were killed during the week ending Dec. 15 and 31 were wounded.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S WAR NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Austro-German army of 400,000 that raised siege of Cracow assails Russians in South Poland.

Two Russian armies of center and south trying to join hands before Radom.

Germans pass Skierniewice in effort to flank defenders of Warsaw.

Severe fighting continues on Bzura river line.

Russians claim they have turned back the Austrian drive in Galicia.

Allies continue to set the Germans back at many points in Belgium and France.

Germans compelled to retreat from Roulers and Middelkerke.

Berlin official report says French attacks in neighborhood of Rheims have been "partly repelled."

Germans announce they have again driven the English from Richebourg l'Avoue.

French parliament by unanimous vote appropriates $1,700,000,000 to carry on the war.

Germans capture military post in Portuguese West Africa.

Emperor Francis Joseph is dying and has received the last sacraments, according to Rome report.

British government decided to indemnify those who suffered bodily or property losses in German bombardment of coast.

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be distributed among the men employed at the home and the outsiders who have been invited. This will be followed by an entertainment which will continue until the noon hour.

A turkey dinner will then be served to about 55 men, many of whom live at the home. An appropriate program will be carried out in the afternoon.

Ayer Home

The children at the Ayer home will receive the visit of Santa Claus during the night, and they all know it, for they have informed the matron they wish to hang up their stockings before retiring. They all hope to roll out of bed at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning and from that time until six o'clock they will be given the freedom of the home. At 10 o'clock a group of children will entertain their companions with a playlet entitled "Mrs. Bean's Christmas Dinner." At noon a turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served, while in the afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held, this to be followed by the singing of Christmas carols, and the serving of ice cream, fruit and cake.

St. Peter's Orphanage

The little girls of St. Peter's orphanage will attend mass at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning and the choir of the institution, composed of children will sing hymns during the service. At noon a turkey dinner including all the fixings will be served, the food for the repast having been given by kind friends of the home. In the afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held, and of course this will be a surprise for the girls, for although they have prepared an entertainment of high grade, they are not aware of the fact that they will be given toys and valuable articles. A number of friends of the young people will attend by special invitation and it is expected a most cheerful afternoon will be spent.

French-American Orphanage

A feature of the Christmas celebration at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street will be the midnight mass, which will be celebrated at 12 o'clock tonight. The children will attend in a body, following the old Canadian custom, and they will also supply a musical program. The mass will be for the children and the sisters of the home only.

Through the generosity of Undertaker Amedee Archambault the boys and girls of the home will be treated to a turkey dinner tomorrow noon, including fruit, ice cream, nuts and cake. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. George E. Caisse will preside over a Christmas tree celebration, while Dr. George E. Caisse will play the part of Santa Claus. An entertainment program has been prepared by the children, who will also thank their benefactors.

Day Nursery

At 5.30 o'clock this afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held at the Day Nursery in Kirk street. It is expected about 40 children will be present. Tomorrow noon a chicken dinner will be served to ten children, while in the afternoon the little ones will be taken to their respective homes, to spend the rest of the day with their parents.

Salvation Army Work

Christmas dinners will be provided to about 100 families in various parts of this city tomorrow by the Salvation army as a result of the campaign for the Christmas fund. The call for baskets this year has been even greater than in the past, many claiming that they have been out of work and are unable to purchase the essentials for the Christmas Day dinner.

A list of needy families, who have met with misfortune in past years, is kept at the Salvation army quarters on Jackson street and besides the names on hand many ask directly for help while others who have investigated conditions of certain families recommend that they be given baskets.

The baskets will be distributed late this afternoon under the direction of Adjutant Ayres. Each basket will contain two chickens or one small turkey, potatoes, turnips, squash, cranberries, sugar, tea and oranges, and other good things that will bring joy to both parents and little ones.

At the Hospitals

While the association of good cheer with illness and suffering seems incongruous, yet Christmas Day at St. John's hospital is a day of happiness and impressive beauty to all. Patients with friends are remembered by them by little gifts and delicacies which at least gladden the heart, while those without friends, and there are quite a few in this great charitable institution, are also remembered by the charitably-inclined. The corridors of the hospital are decorated with laurel and Christmas bunting while the pretty little altar in the hospital chapel is adorned with a wealth of fragrant flowers contributed by kind friends. Tomorrow the usual Christmas program will be carried out. There will be three masses, at 4.30, 5 and 5.30, celebrated by Rev. Lawrence J. Tighe, O. M. I., with singing by the nurses' choir. Preceding the first mass the nurses will proceed through the corridors singing Christmas carols. Those of the patients whose physical condition will permit will be served a Christmas dinner of turkey while each patient will be specially looked after according to his or her condition. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock benediction service will be held in the chapel. The patients who are able will attend the services in the chapel. The sisters at the hospital will welcome any little gifts of food or delicacies for the patients while cash contributions for the hospital will be gratefully received.

Christmas at the Lowell General hospital will be celebrated by a Christmas dinner and the wards will be beautifully decorated with the prevailing Christmas colors.

This afternoon the children of the hospital had a Christmas tree and Mr. John Sayer, acting in the role of Santa Claus, distributed the presents. The day is made enjoyable so far as that is possible for the sick.

At the Corporation hospital the regular Christmas dinner will be served and the wards will be artistically decorated. The nurses make a special effort to have all the patients partake of Christmas cheer in whatever form that can be conveyed.

Chelmsford Street Hospital

A turkey and fowl dinner will be served at the Chelmsford street hospital tomorrow. The superintendent of the institution has received 667 pounds of turkey and 24 pounds of fowl, and it is believed with this quantity of food all the inmates will be given one of the best dinners ever given at this hospital. Pie, fruit and other good things will also be on the menu and a most enjoyable day will be spent.

Lowell Jail

Roast pork and fixings, including pies, doughnuts and fruit, will be the menu at the Christmas dinner at the Lowell jail. The inmates of the institution will also be given the freedom of the corridors and in the afternoon some of the talent of the institution will entertain with instrumental and vocal selections, a feature of the program to be victrola selections.

C. Y. M. L.

The members of the C. Y. M. L. will gather at their quarters in Suffolk street tomorrow afternoon to participate in a Christmas tree celebration. The affair will be held in the assembly hall and will be largely attended. Gifts will be exchanged between the members and the affair will produce laughter, for as a rule the event is one of merriment. The Glee club of the lyceum will entertain with an excellent musical program and games will be enjoyed.

Old Ladies' Home

The women of the Old Ladies' home in Fletcher street have been well remembered by their friends, for numerous costly gifts have been sent to the home, and the recipients of the gifts take this means of extending their heartfelt thanks to their many friends.

A turkey dinner will be served tomorrow and in the afternoon the venerable ladies will be entertained by the Titanic quartet, the musical program to be followed by a reception during which ice cream and cake will be served.

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If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

FATHER GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE BOY'S LIFE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—If Edward Kaufman, the 13-year-old son of L. P. Kaufman of 1883 Beacon street, Brookline, recovers from the effects of a serious coasting accident in Brookline yesterday forenoon, it will undoubtedly be due to the self-sacrifice of his father, who yesterday afternoon went to the Peter Bent Brigham hospital on Huntington avenue, Roxbury, and submitted to an operation for blood transfusion on behalf of the boy.

The operation was regarded a success and may be the means of saving the boy's life. From the moment he arrived at the hospital in the early forenoon up to the time blood was transfused into his veins from those of his father, he bled incessantly, the surgeons being powerless to check the loss.

Mr. Kaufman underwent the operation about 4 o'clock. His son was then unconscious from the loss of blood. There was a noticeable improvement soon after the father's blood was transfused, and the lad became conscious. The physicians in charge reported that he was moderately comfortable late last night and that he was sleeping.

The boy was run over by the automobile of Philip M. Tucker of 168 Dean road, Brookline. The wheels passed over the lad's body, causing a severe injury to the liver and severe contusions of the head.

The boy was coasting on Dean road and, it is said, hitched his double runner to the rear of one of D. Whiting's milk wagons. As the wagon crossed Beacon street at Dean road the automobile came along and hit the double-runner, throwing Kaufman to the ground.

When seen at his home in Brookline last evening, Mr. Kaufman was reluctant to talk about the operation. He was in a very weak state, as the surgeons took a large quantity of blood from him.

Edward is a pupil of the Huntington school.

MAN MARRIED IN LOWELL

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24.—Robert C. Miller, alias Robert Miller Hamilton, was held in bonds of $1000 in the 6th district court yesterday after pleading guilty of bigamy.

Miller was arrested by Inspector Haran after a complaint had been filed by the father of the second wife who is employed in a Providence department store.

Miller admitted to the police that he married Annie Hamilton in Lowell, Mass., eight years ago and that two children were born to them. He says that he came to Providence last June and became acquainted with Grace C. Boyle, a clerk, and married her Nov. 2 in this city. The first wife, a few days ago, came to this city. She found the second Mrs. Miller at her place of employment and explained the situation to her.

While the two women were talking Miller appeared and a scene followed.

If your teeth trouble you, see Dr. Gagnon, 466 Merrimack street.

ROBBED OF $450, HE SAYS

Max Gruber of Lawrence Thinks Newly-Made Acquaintance on Steamer May Have It

LAWRENCE, Dec. 24.—Max Gruber of 40 Oxford street, reported to the police yesterday that he had been robbed of $450 while on his way from New York to this city.

Gruber said he made the acquaintance of a man in the smoking room of a Sound line steamer, who on learning Gruber was bound for this city said he also was on his way to Lawrence. When the boat docked in Boston Gruber and his new friend started across the city to the North station, but they became separated, and then Gruber discovered his loss.

The money was sewed in one of his pockets, he said, and he was certain he had it when the boat touched at Providence. He thinks the money was taken while he was taking a nap in a chair on the boat.

YOUNG MAN SUFFOCATED

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 24.—Harry Bersow, 18, was suffocated and his brother Jacob is in a dangerous condition at a local hospital as the result of coal gas escaping from a furnace at their home last night.

'Till Christmas
LAST
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Where to Shop-What to Buy

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Umbrellas, Peltier's.

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Largest stock of pipes at Fitzgerald's, 463 Merrimack st.

Good "eats" for Xmas at John St. Public Market. Tel. 2627.

A nice velour hat or fur cap makes a fine present. Delorme, Sun Bldg.

Shirt waists for Xmas. Gilday's, Sun bldg.

Fresh killed Vermont turkeys at Liberty Sq. Market. Tel. 1782.

Cut prices on staple shoes at Filteau's, 521 Merrimack st.

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State Commissioner of Health Recommends Rules and Regulations—Good Advertisement

The health rules and regulations of Lowell are receiving flattering notice at the hands of the state commissioner of health, who considers them in so favorable a light as to recommend them to cities where food ordinances are being revised. Mention, too, has been made of these rules in certain medical journals and it is all very good advertising for Lowell. The following letter, received by City Clerk Flynn today tells its own story:

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21, 1914.
City Clerk, Lowell, Mass.:
Dear Sir—The food regulations of Lowell have been recommended to us as especially good by Dr. McLaughlin, Massachusetts commissioner of health. If possible, will you kindly send us a copy of these regulations for use in the revision of the food ordinances of Minneapolis? Very sincerely yours,
Mary Watkins,
Municipal Reference Librarian.

The rules and regulations include the covering of foodstuffs, manufacture, storage and handling of ice cream, production, care and sale of milk, etc., and are very thorough. The rules and regulations having to do with milk have been commented upon favorably by the state authorities on various occasions, and several cities have copied Lowell's rules and regulations.

Ambulating the Lines

Billerica has not moved an inch in the last five years and the boundary lines are in the same place as they were five years ago. This very valuable information is contained in a report having to do with a recent ambulation of the meets and lines made by Mayor Murphy and Selectmen Wright and Sanford of Billerica. These gentlemen, after a very thorough investigation, report that the lines are all right. That will help some.

Money for Christmas

This was pay day at city hall. The pay roll for the week amounted to $17,844.13, and it's the day's best bet that very little of it found its way to the bank. The employes were paid today in order that they might have their money for Christmas, and it is generally conceded that the fellow who doesn't go broke at Christmas hasn't done his share in contributing to the Yuletide cheer.

Marriage Intentions

The following marriage intentions have been registered at the city clerk's office since the last were published:

Dec. 19—Joseph Moore, 28, teamster, 67 Streatham street, and Margaret H. Cowperthwaite, 24, spooler, Lawrence Mass.

Dec. 21—Edward R. Morris, 35, merchant, 23 Coburn street, and Lilla M. Callahan, 28, at home, 13 Carleton street.

Joseph F. Burns, 44, salesman, 43 Bellevue street, and Katharine McCartin, 44, (widowed), at home, 15 Bellevue street.

Arthur D. Cannery, 31, salesman, Collinsville, Mass., and Amy Perkins, 28, at home, 294 Varnum avenue.

Michael Clohesy, 29, (widowed), laborer, 15 Dempsey place, and Mary McGarry, 37, (widowed, weaver), 18 Cross street.

Hecton Phillippe Larocques, 21, foreman, 540 Moody street, and Blanche Morissette, 27, hosiery, 185 Ludlow street.

Schuyler R. Waller, 29, dentist, 100 Princeton street, and Annie Elizabeth Matzen, 26, nurse, same address.

George Armstrong, 25, laborer, Scatchtown, Que., and Effie A. McRitchie, 24, housework, 71 Chestnut street.

John J. Crowe, 24, clerk, 126 Seventh avenue, and Mary Lynch, 24, at home, 64 Pine Hill street.

Jose de Conto Fagundes, 21, operative, 109 Charles street and Gertrude do Nascimento, 20, operative, 64 Tyler street.

Ormonde C. Clisham, 23, chemist, 272 Merrimack street, and Doris H. Rogers, 23, stenographer, Winthrop, Mass.

Archibald L. MacKinnon, 23, reporter, Y. M. C. A., Merrimack street, and Florence E. Noyes, 21, at home, Claremont, N. H.

Arthur H. R. Giroux, 21, reporter, 161 White street, and Regina Lehourdais, 20, at home, 86 Gershom avenue.

Dec. 22—James O. Cote, 40, (widowed) stay bolt cutter and Elizabeth A. Shea, 31, weaver, 140 Andover street.

Dec. 23.—Arthur W. Canham, 45, (divorced), overseer, 15 Fifth street, and Hattie C. Allen, 48, (divorced), housekeeper, same address.

Charles Devitt Crowell, 23, teamster, Chelmsford Centre, and Mabel Clarieva Woodworth, 19, at home, 825 East Merrimack street.

Dec. 24—Whitworth F. Warren, 36, laundryman, Lewiston, Me., and Alice E. Payne, 34, school teacher, Gardiner, Me.

HEAVY DAMAGE

Caused by 7 Days of Rain Throughout Southern Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 24.—The Santa Cruz, a river by courtesy of the mapmakers, is on its worst rampage of a generation. The San Pedro river west of Bisbee is nearly a mile wide. Other streams are swollen in proportion, railroad tracks have been washed out, buildings flooded or carried away and property damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars as the result of seven days of rain throughout southern Arizona. A Southern Pacific passenger train marooned 36 hrs. between Tucson and Nogales was said to have returned to Nogales after temporary track repairs had been made. For 24 hours passengers were without food. They finally made their way to ranch houses, where they were given food and shelter. Nogales was still isolated from communication with surrounding towns.

Richardson Hotel

CHRISTMAS DAY

Menu served from 12 noon to 9 p. m.

$1.00 Per Cover

Cape Oyster Cocktail
Queen Olives Celery Salted Nuts
Cream of Celery, Souffle
Old Fashioned Corn Chowder
Chicken Pie, Home Style
Creme de Menthe Punch
Roast Young Vermont Turkey, Chestnut Dressing, Cranberry Sauce
Roast Sirloin of Prime Beef, German Pancake
Boiled, Mashed or Sweet Potato
Hubbard Squash, Boiled Onions, Sugar Corn, Buttered Beets, Green Peas, Mashed Turnips
Apple Fritters, Wine Glace
Frozen Tom and Jerry
Assorted Cakes
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce
Roquefort Cheese Toasted Saltines
Coffee
Fruits Nuts Raisins

Kodaks and Brownies

For Christmas

Brownies.....$1 to $12.00
Kodaks.....$6 to $75.00

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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2—Tea Samovar
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Lowell Electric Light Corp.
50 Central Street

HEAVY FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

Bayonet Battle West of Warsaw—German Aeronaut Brought Down Near Paris—French Claim Success From the Sea to Fontier of Alsace—Austrians Torpedoed French Warship

Today's official statements reveal the intense nature of the fighting now in progress, both east and west but state that with the possible exception of East Prussia there has been no significant change in the alignment of the opposing forces.

The German statement tells of a fight for possession of a trench in France which was won by the French, recaptured by the Germans and finally abandoned. So fierce was the struggle that the trench was almost obliterated by artillery fire. No important movements are reported in the German communication.

The French statement while saying that small gains have been made here and there mention German attacks at so many points that it is apparent the allies have not been permitted without a struggle to take the offensive into their own hands and that such ground as they have won recently is not to be held without hard fighting.

The fighting in Poland has become most severe, and at points along the line west of Warsaw the issue is being fought with bayonets. The Berlin war office states that the Russian advance in East Prussia has been checked and that the Russians at Mlawa in Poland near the Prussian border, have been defeated.

A French cruiser in the strait of Otranto, near the southern end of Italy, was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine. It is stated that the damage was slight and that no men were injured.

Although accounts vary as to the present status of military affairs in Poland, it is evident the fighting has shifted southward from Sochaczew, the town on the Bzura river, 30 miles from Warsaw toward which the Germans for several days directed their principal efforts. Austro-German forces operating from the Cracow base are attempting to push northward into Poland. In this effort, however, they are meeting with determined resistance from the Russians.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd says Russian successes in Galicia continue and that in the Carpathians the Austrians have been thrown back. Another sortie by the garrison at Przemysl which has long been under attack by the Russians is said to have resulted disastrously for the Austrians.

Heavy fighting continues in France and Belgium, but thus far the renewed activities have accomplished little, neither side being able to drive the other from the strongly fortified positions held for so long.

Now that the French government has returned to Paris a venturesome German aeronaut has ventured to prove that the capital is not without the war zone by flying over it. He was brought down by a French aeronaut, however, at a point 19 miles from the city of Paris.

NO OFFICIAL WAR NEWS WILL BE SENT ON CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The press information bureau of London is to be closed from 5 o'clock this afternoon until 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and during this 24 hours no official news will be given out.

In London, it has been mutually agreed by the morning and afternoon papers not to publish tomorrow, Christmas day.

The censorship on cablegrams leaving England will continue over Christmas as usual.

GERMAN RAID ON DOVER FIRST TIME HOSTILE AIRCRAFT HAS VISITED ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Today's German raid from the air on the city of Dover is the first news of an authentic character of any hostile aircraft visiting Great Britain.

The machine today came from the direction of Deal and was flying very high. It was not sighted from Dover until it suddenly emerged from the clouds. Apparently Dover castle was the objective of the raid for the bomb thrown from the aeroplane fell in the garden in the rear of St. James' rectory which is located in front of the castle. The windows in the rectory and some of the houses immediately surrounding the rectory were broken.

Fog made easy the escape of the hostile airship. Immediately he had dropped his bomb the pilot started straight across the channel. Two British aeroplanes went up in an endeavor to catch the raider, but the hostile ship had too much of a start and could not be overtaken.

SUPREME GERMAN EFFORT CONTINUES TO BE MADE BEFORE WARSAW

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve finds little change in the underground warfare now being conducted in the western war theatre, where General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the

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THE YULETIDE SPIRIT

Work was suspended at the W. J. Barry Shoe Co. this afternoon and the officials and employes celebrated Christmas in a most fitting manner with a party which was held on the third floor of the factory.

George Butler, the champion bowler of the sole leather department opened the afternoon's festivities with a brace of solos, and he was followed by the Barry Shoe quartet. The quartet was composed of Messrs. Thomas Brown, James Johnston, Joseph Conway and William Provencher. Ernest Burke, Arthur Moran, John Ash and "Mysterious Archie" also favored with songs.

Following the entertainment the floor was cleared for dancing, the music for which was furnished by a hurdy-gurdy. This form of amusement was immensely enjoyed by the employes. Owner Barry, President Griffin, Supt. White and other officials.

A prize waltz was won by Mr. James Lepper and partner and the decision of the judges was a most popular one. Ten couples entered this event. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation of gifts to William McGlue, foreman of the sole leather room and Henry Brennan, foreman of the stock room by the employes of their respective departments. Mr. McGlue received a shaving set and Mr. Brennan a handsome traveling bag. All of the other foremen received valuable presents yesterday. Refreshments were served late in the afternoon.

The patronesses of the affair were: Mrs. Alice Campbell, Etta Tetrault, Alice Flanders, May Wrenn and Annie Moore.

John King was general manager of the affair and he was assisted by the following committee: William McGlue, Thomas Brown, Henry Brennan, John Mulcahey, Martin Conlin, Frank Ready, Henry McCluskey, William Luby, John Reading, Edward Walsh, Bernard McQuade, Alfred Copp, Esther McGlue, Marion Savard, Josephine Sabourin, Louise Curtis, Emma Basnett, Ella Thorpe and Mary Martin.

WOMAN IN WANT

A Case of Destitution That Should Receive Prompt Attention

Word was received at The Sun office this morning of a woman living in Middlesex street being in very destitute circumstances, and a reporter was at once detailed to investigate. The case must have escaped the attention of the numerous charitable institutions of this city or else the poor woman's wants would have been supplied long ago.

The woman's husband died 22 years ago, leaving her with five small children, and she was forced to seek employment in one of Manchester's cotton mills. By working steadily she managed to rear her family and give them a good education. About nine years ago she left Manchester and obtained work in one of the local cotton mills as a cardroom hand. Work being scarce, she was laid off a few months ago and, although she has worn the shoes off her feet in search of employment since that time, she has been unable to secure a position. She is now living with a married son, who has all he can do to supply the necessities of life for his family, and the keeping of his mother has placed an extra heavy burden on his shoulders. He is employed at the car shops, but his work brings him but small wages. The woman asks that some well-to-do person send her a pair of shoes, so that she will be able to go out and look for work.

The case is indeed a worthy one and the woman appears to be very honest and truthful. Adversity has not always been her lot, and this is the first Christmas that she has ever been in need. In other years she was always able to send some little token to her 15 grandchildren besides keeping herself. The woman's name and address are at The Sun office and can be had upon application. Here is a chance for some charitable person or institution to bring the joy of Christmas to the heart of a deserving woman.

THE NATIONAL GUARD

On Monday each member of the Lowell board of trade will receive a special invitation to attend the military night which will be held at the state armory in Westford street on the evening of Jan. 5, under the auspices of the four local companies of the National Guard. The invitations are being sent out by the committee from the board of trade, and they are printed on red, white and blue postal cards, for the affair is to be a sort of patriotic event.

In addition to these patriotic cards, over 600 other invitations are being sent out to all the commissioned officers of the National Guard of the commonwealth. This includes the captain and two lieutenants from each company. The men are requested to attend the military event in full militia dress.

FREE CHRISTMAS SHOW

Manager W. Perry, of the Theatre Voyons imbued with the spirit of Christmas will give a free moving picture performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at his theatre tomorrow from 10 a. m. to 12 m. for the children of Lowell. For this performance the General Film company will donate the pictures and Martin Slen company will furnish the signs and slides. Manager Perry donated the theatre, lighting, help and other accessories for giving the show.

NO SUN TOMORROW

Tomorrow being Christmas day The Sun will suspend publication of all editions.

TO THE BRAVES

Sherwood Magee, of Philadelphia, Traded to Boston Nationals

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Sherwood Magee, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Philadelphia National league club, was today traded to the Boston Nationals for cash and some players. The deal was put through at a meeting held in New York today by President Baker of the Philadelphia club, and President Gaffney of the Bostons.

CO. M TRANSFER

Lowell to Have Full Battalion by Proposed Transfer

Within a short time Lowell will have a battalion of the National Guard within her folds, for a bill is being drafted for the transfer of Company M, which is stationed in this city, from the Ninth to the Sixth regiment.

The Sixth regiment is now composed of Companies C, G and K of Lowell and Company L of Boston, while Company M is the only branch of the Ninth regiment in this city. The transfer is being brought about through the various successful battalion nights, which have recently been held in Lowell and in which Company M took an active part.

According to the dope given out this afternoon, Company L of Boston will be transferred to another regiment, probably the Ninth, while Company M will form a part of the Sixth. All officers of the companies of the Sixth as well as those of Company M, it is said, are in favor of the transfer and the matter will be pushed through the legislature as soon as possible.

OPEN AIR MASSES

In France Tonight While German Fire is Beating Against Trenches

PARIS, Dec. 24.—While the German fire is beating against the French trenches tonight, open air masses will be celebrated at many places back of the battle lines on improvised altars by Catholic priests at midnight.

In Paris, the gay midnight supper parties which for generations prevail on the night before Christmas, will not be seen; instead the erstwhile merrymakers will throng to the churches to kneel in prayer at the many midnight masses to be celebrated by the clergy.

Never before within the memory of the oldest person in the French capital have the churches been so crowded as nowadays. At every service, early and late, the sacred edifices are the scenes of fervent devoton.

WIFE SAYS "LANKEY BOB" KICKED HER

Mrs. Fitzsimmons Testifies That Her Husband Also Threatened to Shoot Her

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Various episodes of their married life in which she figured as an abused person was related by Mrs. Julia Fitzsimmons, wife of "Lanky Bob," former champion heavyweight pugilist, in testifying in her suit for divorce.

"He used to go away," sobbed Mrs. Fitzsimmons, "and would be brought back intoxicated by some of his beautiful friends."

The day before their final separation in July, 1910, the wife declared, her husband kicked her.

"We had a quarrel earlier," she explained, "about his drinking and I had not been speaking to him because he refused to quit; so when I passed by the door he kicked me."

Threats to shoot her were related by the witness, who said that at various times her husband pulled her hair or grabbed her throat and sometimes shied bottles at her.

"I don't want a cent of alimony, judge," she declared. "I always worked before we were married and I have had to since."

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked permission to resume her maiden name of Julia Gifford. Before becoming Mrs. Fitzsimmons in 1903 she was a professional singer.

No defense was offered and a default was entered.

SENDING XMAS CHEER TO HEARTS AND HOMES

Seldom if ever before in this city has there been a more general or spontaneous effort to spread Christmas cheer than at the present time. The firemen, the Elks, the various churches, the Salvation Army and various other organizations have all taken steps to aid the worthy poor as far as lies in their power to make the needy, the afflicted, the unfortunate, as happy as possible on the coming Christmas day. It is encouraging to find this spirit of charity manifest and to know that so very many people are striving to aid the needy. This is as it should be and the consciousness of having made others happy will be to the generous givers one of the greatest sources of happiness.

County Training School

An elaborate Christmas program will be carried out at the Middlesex county training school in North Chelmsford this evening. For the first time for several years, the boys at the school have permission to invite their parents and friends to attend the Christmas tree exercises and it is expected that a large number will be present to enjoy the festivities. Three large spruce trees have been "planted" in the hall at the school and each will contain numerous presents for the boys. An excellent entertainment will also be given.

Tomorrow morning the Catholic boys will attend the 9.30 o'clock mass at St. John's church, North Chelmsford.

Y. M. C. I. Christmas Tree

The annual Christmas tree celebration will be held by the members of the Y. M. C. I. at the beautiful quarters of the society in Stackpole street tomorrow afternoon. The festivities will start at 2 p. m. and as William H. Harrington has acquiesced to act in the role of Santa Claus for the 20th time, the affair ought to prove an unprecedented success. Presents will be bestowed on all the members, after which a musical program will be carried out. Messrs. Ed. Shea, John Dalton, Frank McCartin, William Marren and others will be on hand to contribute to this feature. Messrs. Edward Cawley, the Colby college football star, and John Quinlan, have been engaged as police officers.

The arrangements are in the hands of a competent committee headed by Frank P. McCartin and no time or effort has been spared to make the affair highly enjoyable. The members are allowed to invite a friend.

Salvation Army Home

Christmas will be appropriately observed at the Salvation Army's Industrial home on Fletcher street. At 10.30 o'clock in the morning a Christmas tree celebration will be held. A large Christmas tree, prettily decorated and heavily laden with presents, will be set up in one of the rooms and gifts will

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KICKED IN HEAD

Man Said to Have Killed Friend Who Refused to Pay Debt of $1

CHICOPEE, Dec. 24.—Because he refused to pay him a debt of $1, Mike Maltick of this city is alleged to have kicked Larchec Swea in the head several times today and killed him. Maltick ran out of the saloon where the assault was committed and was chased to Springfield, where he was arrested. He was taken to the Chicopee jail and a charge of murder was made against him.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

GOV. WALSH AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RECEIVE REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMISSION

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Governor Walsh and the executive council received today but did not make public the report of the commission on economy and efficiency which has been investigating the bill of $200,000 incurred by F. F. Walker, state commissioner of animal industry, in dealing with the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease. In a statement a week ago, Commissioner Walker declared that the disease had been eradicated from the state and that the heaviest expense has been in paying damages to owners of cattle which the commission had been forced to kill.

The Lowell Trust Company will be open this (Thursday) evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

THE TRAFFIC COPS

Each Gets a $5 Gold Piece—Not Here but in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus, disguised as a fur-clad passenger in a runabout, whizzed down Fifth avenue this afternoon, slowing up at every crossing to hand out $5 gold pieces to traffic policemen.

There was a chauffeur to run the car for Santa Claus so that he had both hands free to dig the gold pieces out of a white canvas bag, that appeared to hold several quarts. Up and down the side streets, also, the car ran to visit policemen that Santa appeared to have particularly in mind.

The runaway bore a number which is licensed in the name of Robert Goelet.

Home Made Candy For Christmas

We have a fine line of Christmas Candies, both in boxes and in bulk.

Fancy Ribbon Candy, 2 lb. boxes, per box..... 20c

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS SUSPENDED FOR XMAS

National Capital Ready for its Christmas Celebration — Pres. Wilson Plays Santa Claus

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Government business virtually was suspended today and the national capital was ready for its Christmas celebration. Congress was taking a recess at the White House only necessary business was being transacted, in the executive departments work had been postponed and the supreme court had adjourned for the holidays.

Officials of the government from President Wilson down to the humblest employe had made arrangements for the festal occasion. Many members of the house and senate from nearby states were on the way today to their homes for Christmas while others from the more distant sections of the country remained here.

At the White House the president was taking advantage of the last few hours to see to it personally that everything was in order there for Christmas day. Little Annie Cothran of Philadelphia, the president's grandniece, is a White House guest for the holidays and for the first time in years a large fir Christmas tree had been set up. The president was to act as "Santa Claus."

White House employes including clerks, domestics and policemen, were happy today because the president has presented each of them with a 15 pound turkey as a Christmas gift. Distribution of the birds to White House employes is a long established custom.

All of the executive departments had arranged to close at noon for the holiday and the thousands of employes joined in the Christmas celebrations.

At the capitol plans had been completed for the community Christmas celebration there tonight. A large fir tree was ready for the festivities. Thousands of persons planned to attend the exercises there.

President Wilson, on his way to the golf course this morning, stopped his automobile many times to smilingly hand Christmas gifts to the little boys and girls who since he has been visiting the golf club have waved him a greeting from their homes along his course. When his automobile left the White House it was packed with gifts; it was empty when the golf club was reached.

With the exception of Secretary Garrison, who will spend Christmas at Atlantic City, all the members of the cabinet will be here tomorrow. The president has exchanged gifts with each of them.

DEATHS

KLISS—John Kliss, aged 35 years, 22 days, prominently known in business circles in this city, died yesterday at his home in Dracut after a lingering illness. He leaves, besides his wife, a daughter, Stephanie, and four sons, Joseph, Edward, Francis and John, Jr.

WILDE—Jacob Wilde died yesterday at his home, 1459 Gorham street, aged 77 years. He leaves, besides his wife, Elizabeth, three daughters, Mrs. Albert Dawson, Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell and Mrs. William Buckley; also two sons, Joseph L. and Thomas E.

BUTTERFIELD—Theodore Raymond Butterfield, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Butterfield, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 55 Jones street, Dracut, aged two years, four months and 11 days.

WHITTLE—Parker Whittle died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Susie Maker, 147 Corey street, aged 85 years and 26 days.

LINNEHAN—Michael Linnehan died last night at St. John's hospital after a brief illness, aged 47 years. He leaves, besides his wife, Fanny, four sons, John, Timothy, Henry and Arthur; also three daughters, Etta, Margaret and Mary. The body was taken to his home, 352 Bulman road.

CHANDLER—Hiram S. Chandler, a life-long resident of Tewksbury died very suddenly at his home, from a shock, Tuesday evening. He leaves a wife; two sons, Thaddeus and George, besides a large number of relatives, to mourn his loss.

FUNERAL NOTICES

BUTTERFIELD—Died at Dracut Centre, Dec. 23, Theodore Raymond Butterfield, aged 2 years, 4 months and 11 days. Funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon from 55 Jones street, Dracut, at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

WILDE—The funeral of Jacob Wilde will be held at his home, 1459 Gorham street Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 2 o'clock. The services will be private. Please omit flowers. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

JOHNSTON—Died in this city, Dec. 23, Mrs. Martha A. (Bodkins) Johnston. Funeral services will be held from her home, 155 Sixth street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

LINNEHAN—The funeral of Michael Linnehan will take place Saturday morning from his late home, 352 Bulman road, at 8 o'clock. At the Immaculate Conception church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker J. J. O'Connell in charge of funeral arrangements.

THYNNE—The funeral of Mrs. Catherine E. Thynne will take place on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from her home, 12 Forrest street. At 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Margaret's church. [illegible] Bowers. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of James H. McDermott.

FUNERALS

PALMER—The funeral of Wentworth V. Palmer was held yesterday afternoon from his home, [illegible] street. Rev. A. [illegible] pastor of the Lawrence Street [illegible] church, officiated. A quartet composed of Frederick [illegible] [illegible] sang [illegible]. There were many beautiful floral tributes [illegible]. The bearers were Arthur [illegible], John, William R. [illegible], James S. Williams, [illegible] Bjorkman and George Scott. Burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, where the committal service was read by Rev. Mr. [illegible]. The burial service of [illegible] lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., was [illegible] by a delegation. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

LEACH—The funeral of Robert O. Leach was held yesterday afternoon from his home, 118 Powell street. The services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Ellis, pastor of the Centralville Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sturtluf, pastor of the Advent Christian church. The bearers were R. E. Bean, M. E. Bean and C. N. Halstead. The body was sent to Pawtucket, R. I., for burial in the family lot in the Oak Grove cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

FLETCHER—The funeral of Joel Emery Fletcher was held from his home in Columbia street, Ayer. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Frank S. Leathers, of Haverhill, formerly pastor of the Ayer Baptist church. Mrs. Daisy Beckford and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" The bearers were H. E. Sanderson, E. E. Sawyer, W. L. Preble and W. W. Goodnow. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton, where Rev. Mr. Leathers read the committal service.

CRANNA—The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Cranna took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from her home, 28 West L street, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church where at 9 o'clock a mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Dennis Murphy. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including a large pillow inscribed "Wife," a large wreath inscribed "Mother," from the son and daughter, and pieces from the Marion club, O'Hagan family, and Miss Elizabeth Murphy. The bearers were Robert McMullen, Joseph Scully, Michael O'Hagan and Arthur Trainor. At the grave Rev. Fr. Murphy read the committal prayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers Jas. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

A WHITE XMAS

From New England to Great Lakes, Says the Weather Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A white Christmas from New England to the Great Lakes is indicated in weather bureau predictions for tomorrow, which say unsettled weather and probable snow will prevail through that region. Elsewhere generally colder weather will mark Christmas day with unusually low temperatures along the northern border from New England to North Dakota.

The South Atlantic and gulf states may expect a rainy Christmas, the report adds.

ENTERS CONVENT

A Prominent New York Society Girl to Take the Veil

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Following the example of her mother's cousin Miss Lucy Dahlgren, member of a socially prominent family of this city and New York, will enter the convent of the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament at Cornwells, Pa. Her mother confirmed the rumor yesterday.

The mother's cousin, Mother Katharine Drexel, founded the convent, which is a unit of the order that works among the negroes and Indians. Mother Drexel took the veil in 1889 and she is said to have contributed a million dollars to the work to which she has devoted her life.

Miss Dahlgren, who is 22 years old, made her debut at New York in 1911. She is studying in the convent of St. Leo's Catholic church, in East 28th street, New York, and she will enter the mother house at Cornwells on Jan. 26. Her mother is staying at the home of Mrs. Whaton Drexel at Cornwells.

Town of Tewksbury NOTICE

All persons having accounts against the town should have the same in the hands of the selectmen for approval on or before December 31, 1914.

All persons having any articles they wish inserted in the warrant for town meeting must have the same in the hands of the selectmen on or before the 15th of January, 1915.

(Signed)

SELECTMEN OF TEWKSBURY.

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FRENCH WAR OFFICE

REPORTS PROGRESS FROM THE SEA TO LYS—ATTACK AT LOMBAERTZYDE REPULSED

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French official statement given out this afternoon records a series of French successes of apparently minor importance from the sea on the north to the frontier of Alsace on the south. The localities where French troops have gained the advantage are given as along the Lys; in the region of the Aisne; in Champagne near Perthes; in the Argonne; in the forest of Apremont; and near St. Die.

Fog prevented fighting near Arras and Verdun and there has been artillery activity southeast of Amiens near Ville-Sur-Tourbe and in the forest of Apremont.

"From the sea to the Lys we made progress by sapping operations in the Dunes and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombaertzyde. At Swartelen to the southeast of Ypres we occupied a group of houses and we drove back as far as the southern part of this village a counter-attack."

"A counter-attack of the enemy; this was done in spite of a very spirited fire from the German artillery.

"The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser to the south of Dixmude and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge.

"In the region of Arras the fog still made all operations impossible.

"To the east and to the southeast of Amiens, especially in the suburbs of Lassigny there have been artillery exchanges.

"In the region of the Aisne, the zouaves during all day yesterday held back brilliantly a number of attacks and they remained masters, at a point near the road to Puisleine of the German trenches occupied by us Dec. 21.

"In Champagne we strengthened the positions taken by us in our advance of the night before in the region of Craonne and Rheims.

"In the vicinity of Perthes all the counter attacks on the enemy on the positions conquered by us Dec. 22 were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Mesnil-Les-Hurlus we occupied German trenches for a distance of 400 yards and we drove back a counter-attack. The Germans endeavored to take the offensive in the direction of Ville-Sur-Tourbe, but our artillery dispersed them.

"In the Argonne we took possession of a piece of ground in the forest of La Grurie and in the vicinity of Bagatelle we repulsed a German attack.

"In the region of Verdun the prevalence of fog made impossible the conduct of any operations of importance. The enemy delivered a counter attack but without success in the forest of Conservoye.

"In the forest of Apremont our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate several trenches. In the Woevre district the French artillery reduced certain German batteries to silence.

"In the region of Ban De Sapt, to the northeast of St. Die our infantry advanced with a rush and established itself on the territory thus gained.

"There is nothing to report from upper Alsace.

"Russia: On the Bzura river the Germans have maintained themselves in two positions. On the contrary at a point north of Sochaczew they were driven back to the river, which flows to the southwest of this town. Their efforts to debouch from Bolimow resulted in failure. At the present time the Germans are essaying to cross the river Rawka to the southeast of Skierniewice.

"To the south of Rawka the Germans are resisting stubbornly, a pronounced Russian offensive movement being delivered along the northern bank of the river Pilica."

BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT

SUCCESS AT BIXSCHOOTE, ATTACKS IN SOUAIN AND PERTHES REPULSED

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The official communication issued today by the German general headquarters staff today said:

"The enemy did not renew his attacks in the neighborhood of Nieuport yesterday. At Bixschoote we took 230 prisoners on Dec. 22.

"The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes. These were repulsed.

"A trench kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy was lost by us, but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counter-attack because parts of the trenches had been almost leveled by the enemy's fire. More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands.

"In the east we have assumed the offensive and are advancing from Neidenburg and Soldau (in East Prussia) we have repulsed the Russians after several days' fighting at Mlawa (northern Poland) and the enemy's positions at Mlawa again are in our hands. More than 1000 prisoners were taken in these battles.

"At the confluence of the Bzura and Rawka rivers fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather.

"The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica river in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies with heavy losses.

"Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged.

25 % Off On All Xmas Goods at RICARD'S

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Thomas Hennessy and Maurice Milontaler carrying on business as Hennessy and Milontaler, under the style and firm name of Home Wet Wash Laundry, at 117 Cambridge street, in Lowell, Mass., was on the eighteenth day of December, A. D. 1914, dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business in future will be carried on by the said Thomas Hennessy alone, who will assume all debts and liabilities and receive all moneys payable to the said late firm.

MAURICE MILONTALER,
THOMAS HENNESSY.
December 23, 1914.

N. Y. TEACHER SUSPENDED

Miss Rodman, Wrote Letter Criticising Board of Education —Loses 8 Months' Pay

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After weeks of debate whether writing a letter to a newspaper criticising the policy of the board of education could or does not constitute "gross misconduct and insubordination," the board finally decided yesterday that it does and suspended Mrs. Henrietta Rodman, a teacher in the Wadleigh high school, until Sept. 1, 1915, without pay.

The case was tried Tuesday before a special committee, and although the meeting was closed it was understood today that the majority of this committee favored discharging Miss Rodman for her offence.

"It was only as a compromise that we suspended her," said Arthur M. Somers, chairman of the committee.

The report as submitted by Mr. Somers' committee to the board after reciting that Miss Rodman had been duly tried, witnesses having been examined under oath, said, "that while the majority of the members found her guilty of insubordination she was accused unanimously only of gross misconduct, so it is only under this charge that we wish to recommend her suspension by the board." The report said that two members had failed to vote, being absent.

Joseph Barondess of Brooklyn was the only member of the board of education to take up the cudgels in Miss Rodman's defence. He sprang to his feet as the reading of the committee report was finished and exclaimed: "Miss Rodman has been outrageously treated. There is no reason to find her guilty of gross misconduct for simply writing a letter to a newspaper. The city of New York does not need the money which it will derive from the retention of her pay. She has not been properly treated by the committee. Why an intelligent body of men and women should be afraid of the criticism of a woman on a subject which requires deep sociological study and which none of us are quite sure of, I am at a loss to conjecture.

"She is guilty simply of criticising the board, if she had criticised the mayor or the president she would not have been punished. This board itself has often criticised its own president—there is absolutely no reason why she should lose eight months' salary. I for one," concluded Mr. Barondess, "wish to go on record as protesting vigorously against this very unfair judgment."

President Churchill waited several minutes, but nothing further was said and a vote was taken. With the exception of Mr. Barondess it was unanimous for suspension.

"Practically she is getting off easy," said Jacob Bernstein, Miss Rodman's junior counsel, "but legally it is an outrageous judgment. I shall advise Miss Rodman to appeal the case to Commissioner Finley and failing there to go to the courts."

Miss Rodman herself was not present when the decision was reached.

"My suspension from November 13 to September 1 amounts to $1800 salary for ten months," she admitted mournfully yesterday evening. "When I found my letter had given deep offence to the board of education I was very sorry. I had not intended to be offensive, only intended to be clear and forceful. I should have apologized had I been given the opportunity.

"They told me that the board of education wished me to apologize for my letter, but believing that to do that while under charges was to accept the right of the board of education to call an error of judgment gross misconduct I refused to do so. If the board of education had reprimanded me I would have considered that they were acting within their rights, but to call an error of judgment gross misconduct and a lack of courtesy insubordination is to deprive any one of initiative and independence."

"It is safer to obey orders," concluded Miss Rodman, "than to be too independent."

Miss Rodman in private life is Mrs. Herman Defrem, and her husband holds a position in the American Museum of Natural History.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

GEORGE CLARK RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS OF LOCAL CARMEN

George Clark, the newly elected vice president of the Street Railway Men's union was a very busy man today receiving the congratulations of the members of the union and other friends. The selection of Mr. Clark was a most popular one, and indications point to his being a most capable official. Vice President Clark will occupy the chair during the absence of President Crowley, whose attention will be taken up for some time to come with the arbitration hearing which is being held in Boston.

GEORGE CLARK

Patrick Cahin, who was elected to the board of directors also came in for his share of the handshaking. Mr. Cahin is very popular in union affairs and was elected by a handsome vote.

Michael Cornaton, the popular conductor whose injuries sustained during the summer, incapacitated him from active work was driven to the polls in a sleigh. After casting his vote he was given a grand reception by the members of the union.

LATE WAR NEWS

Continued

French armies, still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German line across France and Belgium.

In the east a supreme German effort continues to be made before Warsaw, where the forces of the German centre and of the Russians, seeking to check them, sway back and forth along the banks of the rivers barring the way to the Polish capital.

The Russians claim successes in the latest encounters but during the last ten days the Germans have advanced appreciably, and it is said they now are bringing up their 42-centimetre guns preparatory to siege operations.

In Galicia, the Austrian-German forces seem to have made no further progress and in the north the Russians are reported to have pushed the invaders back into East Prussia.

The German tactics in the march toward Warsaw, military observers in London point out, are beginning to have some of the characteristics of the rush toward Calais and Dunkirk, which the allies stemmed, thousands being sacrificed and others being hurried forward to fill the gaps with the same prodigality that was shown by the Germans in Flanders.

Military experts here are unable to agree on the number of the Austro-German troops in the east, estimates varying from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000, but it is pointed out that Russia, unless she has been exaggerating her resources, should be able easily to top this figure now that her concentration of forces is nearing completion.

Petrograd has never conceded that the occupation of Lodz by the Germans had any strategic importance but the German view has found expression from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, who remarked to the representative of the Associated Press on the eastern front that he considered it the "turning point of the campaign."

All the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Boxes and greetings from home are being distributed in the trenches, at the hospitals and in the camps, hundreds of thousands of postcards to the soldiers and sailors from King George and Queen Mary being one feature of the British gifts.

The Austrians' attempts to crush Servia, which some predicted would be abandoned in view of the recent turn of events by which the Servians reoccupied Belgrade, are soon to be renewed in the form of a final blow, according to despatches from Budapest.

PALACE OF ESSAD PASHA, 70 MILES FROM SCUTARI, IN FLAMES

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Durazzo, Albania, to the Central News, says that the palace of Essad Pasha at Tirana has been set on fire.

Essad Pasha was named provisional president following the recent retirement of Prince William of Wied, who had been selected by the powers to rule Albania. Essad Pasha was last reported as advancing on Scutari, and it was said that he had proclaimed a holy war in Albania.

Tirana, where his palace is located is 70 miles from Scutari.

EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF RUSSIA VISIT SEVERAL HOSPITALS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Emperor Nicholas and the empress of Russia, accompanied by their children, yesterday visited several hospitals in Moscow organized and maintained by public and private associations. Notable among these is the Union of All Russian Zemstvos.

In the evening the emperor, who is stopping in Moscow on his way back to Petrograd from the front in the Caucasus, received in the Kremlin palace Prince Lvoff, chief commissioner of the Union of All Russian Zemstvos, and the mayor of Moscow, M. Tchelnokoff, who is also commissioner chief of the Union of Russian Cities.

COUNT SERGIUS WITTE PREDICTS DECISIVE VICTORY FOR RUSSIA

ROME, Dec. 23—(Delayed in transmission.) Reports having been circulated here that Count Sergius Witte, the Russian statesman, was leading a pacifist party at the Russian court the count has telegraphed to this city denying the statements. In his telegram he says:

"At the beginning I deplored the war, thinking it was not inevitable or indispensable, but since the war is in progress any discussion regarding it would be futile.

"Now that the war has assumed, in Russia, a popular character it can only end with a decisive victory for Russia."

GERMAN AEROPLANE BROUGHT DOWN 19 MILES FROM PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says the Journal, was pursued and brought down by the French air patrol at Pontoise, 19 miles northwest of Paris Sunday.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOES FRENCH ARMORED CRUISER

PARIS, Dec. 24.—It was officially announced today that an Austrian submarine fired two torpedoes at a French armored cruiser in the strait of Otranto, one of them exploding forward. The damage done to the vessel was unimportant. None of the cruiser's crew was injured.

THERE WILL BE A
Matinee Race Meeting
TOMORROW AT 2 P. M.
—Either on the—
BOULEVARD or PAWTUCKET ST.
Under the Auspices of the Lowell Driving Club, Inc. Weather and going permitting. Racing committee will be at the club headquarters over the Wamesit bank tonight at 8 o'clock to class the horses and perform any other duties necessary. Per order,
JOHN K. FARNAM, Sec.

THE SUN IS ON SALE AT THE NORTH STATION BOSTON

MAN WHO TOOK $1000

Weds the Owner and Now Claims Ownership of Both — Young Wife Relents in Court

Peter Coulis, the dapper young foreigner who was arrested a week or so ago on the charge of larceny from his sweetheart, stepped forward this morning with a smiling bride upon his arm—the same Miss Kalohe Afderneos who had sworn out the warrant against him.

Coulis, it was claimed, collected $1000 from the girl as a dowry, said collection being made before the marriage ceremony took place. He was not so eager to be married after getting hold of the 1000 simoleons and failed to show up at the nuptial feast. Therefore, the bride-to-be promptly applied for a warrant.

Nothing more blissful, however, could be asked for than the expression upon the dowry-laden maid's face this morning. She was married and held her hubby clutched tightly by the arm and what more could she ask?

When asked if she wished to prosecute further, she burst forth in a passionate denial to the interpreter. No, no, it was all a mistake, she said, and wanted her husband's name wiped off the police court blotter. This was done, and Kalohe tripped out of the courtroom still clinging to her $1000 husband.

But two cases appeared before Judge Enright in police court this morning and in neither case was the defendant given a sentence. The court seemed unwilling to send one of the defendants to jail on the day before Christmas and although finding him guilty ordered him continued until next Tuesday for sentence.

This case, while amusing in some aspects, brought to light perhaps the worst type of man—the man who will desert his girl wife, leaving her penniless and a subject for charity at the time when she is about to become a mother. And yet the young man who appeared as defendant this morning brazenly asked the court for another opportunity to escape justice.

No matter how badly she had been used, forgetful of the fact that he had deserted her at the moment when his companionship was most needed, forgiving him for the shortcomings which were presented before her eyes today, the little girl who said that she is the wife of the defendant, was unwilling to see her worthless husband go to jail.

With tears in her eyes she bravely took her place on the witness stand and brought forward arguments in her husband's favor. In spite of the fact that he had previously told her that he would go to Canada as soon as released she still had confidence in him.

Not so, however, the sister of the wife. This buxom lady stepped up to the witness stand and showed the court the defendant's true colors, saying that it would be a crime to release him after the manner in which he had treated his wife. The sister, it seems, had taken care of the wife and child after the father's desertion of them.

Judge Enright was in a quandary for a time but finally decided to get in touch with the defendant's family in Franklin, N. H. For this reason the case was continued for sentence.

WALTHAM IS SATISFIED

CONVINCED IT COULD NOT AVOID HOSPITAL, IT IS GLAD TO HAVE IT UNDIVIDED BY A STREET

WALTHAM, Dec. 24.—The action of the governor's council in deciding to locate the proposed insane hospital in this city came as no surprise to even the remonstrants of the plan. It has long been the feeling among the people of Waltham that the site selected was one of the best in the state for such an institution, and the strongest opponents of the idea had little hope of accomplishing their purpose.

With this settled in their minds they went about getting at least a modification of the plans and have the land takings all on the north side of Trapelo road, instead of both sides.

The plan which met with the approval of the council today obviates the taking of Cardinal O'Connell's place and also the land now owned by the state and which is used by the Feeble-minded corporation. The extra land taken is in Lexington and Belmont. Therefore, the new hospital will be located in three places instead of in Waltham alone. The grounds will have an entrance on Concord avenue, East Lexington, as well as on Trapelo road, in Waltham. This is believed by all concerned to be the best solution of a much considered proposition.

Col. G. H. Doty, who was one of the most energetic opponents to the location of the hospital here, said last night that while his property would be greatly damaged, he was convinced it would be better for the state and for the people that the institution should be on one side of the street.

KAISER RECEIVES "BUSY BERTHA" SHELL AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

THE KAISER'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT ©1914 AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

This is a picture of the kaiser's Christmas present, the one he most appreciates. It shows two workmen at the Krupp works carrying a 42-centimeter shell, trimmed with ribbons, to be sent to the emperor for a present. It is the 42-centimeter shell, more than any other one thing, that has enabled the kaiser's troops to plow their way through little Belgium, reducing forts that were thought among the strongest in the world.

XMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Elaborate Musical Programs Prepared for Great Feast—Special Vesper Services Arranged

Tomorrow will be a day of rejoicing in all the Catholic churches of the world, and also in the Episcopal churches, for the day will mark the great feast of the Nativity of Christ. For this occasion the churches have been handsomely decorated and present a very brilliant appearance. The feast is the most important in the Catholic calendar and accordingly elaborate musical programs have been prepared. Solemn high mass will be celebrated in all the Catholic churches, while in the Episcopal churches special services will be conducted. The gospel story of the birth of the Redeemer will be the subject of sermons in all the churches and in the evening vesper services appropriate to the day will be held.

The church musical programs are as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass 11 o'Clock
Processional, "There's a Light in the Sky," ..... Ryder
"Nazareth," ..... Gounod
Introit, "Puer Natus ..... G. Capocci
Sanctuary Choir.
Kyrie, St. Cecilia ..... Gounod
Gloria ..... Gounod
Gradual, "Viderunt Omnes," J. Falkenstein
Sanctuary Choir.
Credo ..... Gounod
Offertory, "Tui Sunt Coeli," J. B. Tresch
Sanctuary Choir.
Sanctus ..... Gounod
Benedictus ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Communion, "Viderunt," ..J. Falkenstein
Recessional, Christmas Carols

Responses by sanctuary choir of 85 voices, Brother Nilus director.
Church quartet: Miss Alice Murphy, soprano; Mrs. James Morris, contralto; Mr. John McNabb, tenor; Mr. Andrew A. McCarthy, baritone, assisted by Miss Teresa Slattery, Miss Margaret O'Donoghue, Mr. John Keegan, Mr. D. S. O'Brien, and a chorus of 30 voices, with M. J. Johnson at the organ.

Vespers 7 p. m.
Processional, "Angels, We Have Heard" Sanctuary Choir
Psalms and Antophons of the Feast, sung antophonally by the Church and Sanctuary Choir, Plain Chant and Bristow
Hymn, "Jesus Redemptor," ..... Mueller
"Magnificat," ..... Webbe
"Alma Redemptoris," .... Webbe
Sanctuary Choir.
Benediction, "O Salutaris," ..... Faure
Tenor and baritone duet
Motet, "Nato Nobis," .... Van Reyschoot
Tenor solo and chorus
"Tantum Ergo," ..... Bossairs
Church choir
"Laudate Dominum"
Recessional, "Christmas Carols,"
Sanctuary choir

At 6 and 8.30 a. m. masses Christmas carols will be sung by the girls' choir, under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Miss Frances Tighe will sing "O, Holy Night" by Adam at the 8.30 o'clock mass. Organist, Mr. John Kelty.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Solemn High Mass, 11 A. M.
Organ prelude—Marche Solennelle, E. Kettcrer
Processional hymns—
Angels from the Realms of Glory, Young
'Twas in the Winter Cold, Young
Introit—Puer Natus ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Kyrie—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Gloria—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Graduale—Viderunt Omnes ..Gregorian
Credo—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Church Choir
Offertory—Nato Nobis Salvatore, Van Reysschoot
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. John McMahon
Sanctus—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Benedictus—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Agnus Dei—Messe Solennelle, Charles Gounod
Church Choir
Communion—Adeste Fideles, Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Recessional hymns—
See, Amid the Winter Snow, Old English
In the Lowly Manger Lying..Willard
Chancel Choir
Postlude—Glory Be to God.....Mozart
Church Choir
Organ—Marche De La Reine.....Asher
Soloists in mass: Mrs. Mary Monroe Mooney, Miss Bessie Finnigan, Mr. Geo. Kirwin, Mr. John McMahon.

Solemn Vesper Service, 6.30 P. M.
Organ prelude—Impromptu....Faigter
Canzonetta ..... Freyinger
Triumphal March ..... Marks
Processional hymns—
Angels from the Realms of Glory, Young
'Twas in the Winter Cold....Willard
Chancel Choir
Nato Nobis Salvatore..Van Reysschoot
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. John McMahon
Adeste Fideles ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
O Holy Night ..... Adam
Mr. George Kirwin
O Salutaris ..... Rossini
Quartet
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambillotte
Church Choir
Soloist, Mr. Timothy Finnigan
Adoramus ..... Gregorian
Laudate Dominum ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir
Recessional hymns—
See, Amid the Winter Snow, Old English
In the Lowly Manger Lying..Willard
Chancel Choir
Postlude—Glory Be to God.....Mozart
Church Choir
Organ—Grand Chorus ..... Baptiste
Church choir of 50 voices, assisted by chancel choir of 60 voices under the direction of Rev. James T. McDermett, O. M. I., and quartet consisting of Mrs. Frank Golden, Miss Bessie Finnigan, Mr. John McMahon, Mr. George Kirwin. Organist and director, Mr. John J. Kelty.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Solemn High Mass at 11 A. M.
St. Cecilia's Mass .....Turner
Sanctuary Choir
Processional—O Holy Night ....Adams
Master John O'Brien, Soloist
Birthday of the King.....Niedlinger
Recessional—Come All Ye Faithful

Gregorian Vespers and Solemn Benediction at 6. 30 P. M.
Ave Verum ..... Falkenstein
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambrotto
The Snow Lay on the Ground; In a Manger Lying Low, and other Christmas Carols sung by 50 little children
A high mass will also be celebrated at 6 a. m.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Solemn high mass at 10.45 a. m. and solemn vespers at 7 p. m.

The music will be sung by the chorus choir and solo quartet and a chancel choir of boys and men (vested) under the direction of Mr. James A. Murphy.

At the solemn mass the revised liturgical, "Messe Solennelle" of Gounod will be sung, and at vespers at 7 o'clock, the Psalms by Leitner, set to the Folsobordono style of church music will be sung from the choir gallery by the Sanctuary choir and church quartet.

During the mass and at Vespers the arrangement by Novello of the Adeste Fideles will be sung by the chancel choir (a capella.)

Soloists: Mrs. James A. Murphy, soprano; Miss Margaret Griffin, contralto; Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, bass; Mr. James A. Murphy, tenor; Miss Ella M. Reilly, organist.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Solemn High Mass at 11 a. m.
March of the Magi .....Dubois
Processional .....Gounod
Introit, "Puer Natus est," ....Turner
Kyrie, 'Mary Maglanen," ....Turner
Gloria .....Turner
Graduale, "Viderunt omnes,"
Credo .....Turner
Adeste Fidelis .....Traditional
Offertory "Tui Sunt coeli."
Nato nobis salvatore ..Van Reyschoot
Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei Turner
Communion, "Viderunt omnes,"
Recessional .....Busser

Solemn Vespers at 7
Pastorale .....Guilmant
Processional, "Hosannah," ....Dubois
Dominus, Confitebor, Beatus Vir, De Profundis, Memento Domine, Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor," Traditional
Magnificat .....Mazort
Alma Redemptoris .....Rotoli
O Salutaris .....Vinne
Tantum Ergo .....Widor
Laudate Dominum .....Gregorian
Recessional .....Boslet
The chorus of 50 voices will be assisted by the folowing soloists: Miss Mary Whitely, soprano; Miss Vert McArdell, contralto; Mr. Harry Hopkins, tenor; Mr. James Donnelly, baritone, Mr. Joseph Egan, cantor; Miss Caroline White, organist.
At the 9 o'clock mass the girls' choir will sing Christmas carols and Mrs. N. G. Leahey will sing "Sleep Holy Babe," by Beck.
N. G. Leahey will sing..n.n.. .....

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

High mass at 10.45
Organ prelude, Pastorale .....Baptiste
Asperges .....Gregorian
Kyrie, Mass in F .....Rosewig
Gloria .....Rosewig
Credo .....Rosewig
Ave Maria .....Millard
Miss Catharine Hennessey
Adeste Fideles
Sanctus, Mass in F .....Rosewig
Benedictus .....Rosewig
Agnus Dei .....Rosewig
Organ Postlude,
"Marche des Flambeaux" Scotson Clark

Vespers at 7.30 p. m.
Organ Prelude, Nocturne
Five Gregorian Psalms, Dixit Dominus, Confitabor Tib, Beatus Vir, Laudate Pueri, Laudato Dominum.
Jesu Redemptor Omnium .....Abt

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THAW SEEMS DOOMED TO ASYLUM UNLESS HE SPRINGS NEW SURPRISE

HARRY K. THAW PLANNING NEW LEGAL FIGHT
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Harry Kendall Thaw, who shot and killed Stanford White, will be returned to New York from New Hampshire, his present place of refuge, to be tried on the charge of conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum. He may or may not be recommitted to the asylum. The supreme court of the United States in a unanimous opinion held that Thaw was not entitled to a writ of habeas corpus granted him by United States Judge Aldrich for the district of New Hampshire, and for that reason reversed the judgment of the lower court. A mandate in the case will be handed down inside of thirty days, and until that occurs Thaw will remain in custody in New Hampshire unless there is some other sensational turn to the case. This apparently will end Thaw's remarkable fight to keep out of the clutches of the New York state authorities, which began with his escape from Matteawan on Aug. 17, 1913. It is the opinion of persons who have followed the case that Thaw will be formally arraigned on the conspiracy case when he gets back into the jurisdiction of New York and that then a lunacy commission will again pass upon him. This may result in his recommitment to Matteawan even before a trial on the conspiracy charge. That he is headed for Matteawan is generally conceded.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—Harry K. Thaw was dumbfounded by the supreme court decision. For the first time since his escape from New York he had nothing to give to the newspapers. Thaw has leased one of the finest residences in the city for the winter. He has gained the favor of nearly all of the residents, and it was only several days ago that a mass meeting of prominent women was held and went on record as being in favor of the freeing of Thaw. Many receptions have been held at the Thaw home and visits have been made there by Mrs. Thaw and his sisters. To churches and to the benevolent societies Thaw has given freely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Since the night of June 25, 1906, when Thaw killed White on the roof of Madison Square Garden, hardly six months went by without some form of litigation backed by the great fortune of the Thaw family. There were the two trials, one interrupted by a lunacy commission. There were five separate inquiries along the same line, in all of which the order of Justice Dowling committing him to Matteawan as an insane criminal was upheld. There have been various collateral suits, such as the freeing of other men in the asylum, to show an ineffective law which might be knocked out in behalf of Thaw, and all the time there has been now one group and now another agitating, working, contriving, petitioning, all with the purpose of freeing the man. The escape of Thaw from Matteawan on Sunday morning, Aug. 17, 1913, was in furtherance of another scheme. There was his flight to Canada and his subsequent capture in New Hampshire.

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YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS

If your child is troubled with constipation, try putting castor oil in molasses cookies. They will not taste a bit of the oil and help a lot.

When baby is teething and his gums are swollen and hard, rub on some lime water. This softens the gums and helps the tooth to come through, besides easing the pain.

When baby is too small to wear underdrawers, a nice way to keep his legs warm is to take old worn stockings, cut the foot off so it will fit on his hip nicely, put them on under his stockings and to keep them on pin them on to his other band.

The best bottles for a bottle baby are those that are round and cylindrical and have a narrow neck for the attachment of the nipple.

The one important requirement is that they have no corners on the inside, being rounded both at the bottom and at the top where the neck begins. This shape of the inside of the bottle enables it to be cleansed thoroughly.

It is best to get as many bottles as there are feedings in 24 hours, also buy a wire bottle rack to hold them when the food is made up for the day.

I made a very pretty bassinet for baby out of two oblong clothes baskets. I bought two good sized baskets and removed the handles from both so that the one that rested on the floor was quite firm. Upon this one I placed the other, then I wired the two together so that they could be carried safely from place to place.

Two coats of white enamel came next for the outside and for the inside of the upper basket a dainty but simple lining of white dotted swiss over chintz of the color desired for baby.

To complete the dalntiness I bought four yards of satin ribbon five inches wide, of the same color as the chintz and made a narrow hem in each edge. Through each hem I put a narrow elastic and slipped the ribbon easily over the basket.

If you are living in a drafty apartment you will find this an excellent way to keep baby warm, safe and free from colds. Get a packing box about thirty inches high. Line the bottom and inner sides with cotton batting or an old quilt, being careful to pad the top edge quite heavily.

Then cover the inside and outside with calico, cretonne or any material of fast color. Place several thicknesses of newspapers on the bottom. While baby can only sit up, several pillows well protected with pads and an oil cloth or rubber sheet should be placed inside the box.

This will raise the baby's face above the edge of the box, enabling her to get fresh air. When baby begins to stand the pillows can be taken out and she will have a safe place in which to take her first steps. If four casters are screwed on the bottom of this box, baby can easily be wheeled from one part of the house to another.

In arranging a birthday party for children I once used a scheme that was both pretty and fireproof.

Instead of putting the birthday candles on a cake as we had done before I stood them in a low, broad cutglass bowl, with the bottom covered with white stones and pebbles to support the candles firmly.

I partly filled the bowl with water and scattered apple blossoms over the water so that the candles seemed to rise from the flowers. This was used as a centrepiece, the candles being lighted at the beginning of the luncheon.

Women with babies will find this powder very economical. Get ten ounces of talc and one ounce of boracic acid at the drug store. Add ten ounces cornstarch. Mix and sift together four or five times.

A little orris root may be added to perfume it, if desired.

Cornstarch can often be used as a baby powder when even the best prepared powders disagree. No two skins are exactly alike, so what agrees with one may only chafe another.

AUTOMATIC ALARM SOUNDED

An automatic alarm was sounded at 9.17 o'clock this morning when a sprinkler head burst in the Parker block in Middle street. Several pieces of fire apparatus were rushed to the scene before it was discovered that there was no blaze.

FELL ON ICY SIDEWALK

While on his way to work about 6.45 o'clock this morning, Joseph Ivers, of 350 Bridge street, slipped on the icy sidewalk and fell heavily to the pavement. He was hurt so badly that the ambulance was summoned at once and the injured man removed to his home. His right hip was injured by the fall.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
—FROM—
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MAINE		MASSACHUSETTS				NEW HAMPSHIRE		VERMONT	
Augusta	.80	Waterville	1.00	Lee	.60	Worcester	.25	Plymouth	.50
Bangor	1.25			Marlboro	.20			Portsmouth	.30
Bar Harbor	1.45			Middleboro	.35			Rochester	.35
Bath	.70			Milford	.25			Woodsville	.65
Belfast	1.05			New Bedford	.45				
Biddeford	.45			Newburyport	.20				
Brunswick	.70			North Adams	.60				
Dover	1.35			Northampton	.40				
Ellsworth	1.35			No. Attleboro	.35				
Gardiner	.80			Pittsfield	.65				
Houlton	1.75			Plymouth	.40				
Lewiston	.70			Springfield	.50				
Portland	.55			Taunton	.35				
Rockland	.90			Walpole	.30				
Rumford	.80			Wareham	.40				
				Winchendon	.30				

Berlin	.80	Bellows Falls	.45	Boston	.20	Hyannis	.55
Claremont	.50	Bennington	.60	Brockton	.30	Lawrence	.20
Concord	.30	Brattleboro	.40	Buzzards Bay	.50	Lowell	.20
Dover	.30	Burlington	.95	Clinton	.20	Marlboro	.20
Exeter	.25	Montpelier	.75	Fall River	.40	Middleboro	.35
Franklin	.40	Newport	1.05	Fitchburg	.25	Milford	.25
Keene	.35	St. Albans	1.05	Framingham	.25	New Bedford	.45
Laconia	.40	St. Johnsbury	.75	Franklin	.30	Newburyport	.20
Lancaster	.75	White River Jct.	.70	Gardner	.30	North Adams	.60
Littleton	.70			Great Barrington	.65	Northampton	.40
Manchester	.20			Greenfield	.40	No. Attleboro	.35
No. Conway	.70			Holyoke	.45	Pittsfield	.65
Peterboro	.30					Plymouth	.40
						Springfield	.50
						Taunton	.35
						Walpole	.30
						Wareham	.40
						Winchendon	.30

RATES TO SOME OTHER LARGE CITIES

Albany, N. Y.	1.25	Buffalo, N. Y.	2.75	Montreal, Que.	1.65	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.75
Atlantic City, N. J.	2.00	Chicago, Ill.	6.00	New York, N. Y.	1.25	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	1.25
Baltimore, Md.	2.50	Detroit, Mich.	4.50	Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	Washington, D. C.	2.75

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THE TREATY OF GHENT

Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Signing Called Off on Account of the War

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Had the European war not interfered, there would begin tomorrow night in Ghent, Flanders, a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent by representatives of the United States and Great Britain. The burgomaster of Ghent was to have tendered a banquet to 50 American, 50 English and 50 Canadian delegates in the hall where the treaty was signed.

Later, Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of George Washington in England, was to have been presented to the American people by the British peace centennary committee. The home already has been purchased. It probably will be rehabilitated and presented later.

Believing despite the war the anniversary should not pass unobserved in the United States, a number of widely known citizens of this country who are interested in the movement issued a communication asking that the day be remembered and celebrated at specified dates beginning Feb. 14. The communication follows:

"One hundred years ago today there was signed at Ghent in Flanders the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, which marked the close of what has happily proved to be the last war between English-speaking peoples of the earth. Today the city of Ghent is at the very center of the terrible conflict that rages in Europe.

"The American peace centenary committee cannot permit this anniversary to pass without inviting the thoughtful attention of their fellow citizens to the contrast presented by the century long period of peace which English-speaking peoples have enjoyed among themselves on the one hand, and the appalling destruction of life, property and great monuments of civilization which the European war involves on the other. It had been our confident hope that the example which the English speaking peoples have set in their relations with each other would be followed by the other great nations of the earth in their several international relations. It had been our earnest desire that the spirit of peaceful and friendly co-operation which each of these peoples manifest toward the people of the United States would also mark their dealings with one another. Unfortunately this was not to be, and we are sorrowfully called upon to make our centenary celebration in the midst of the most terrible and destructive war that history records.

"Even at such a time, we must avow once more our emphatic faith in the supremacy of justice over force, of law over might. We rejoice in the peaceful relations of a hundred years among all English-speaking peoples, and particularly in the undefended and unfortified line nearly 4000 miles in length, which divides the territory of the United States from that of the Dominion of Canada. The mutual trust, forbearance and helpfulness which make that undefended boundary a link and not a barrier between two peoples, we offer as an example to our warring brothers across the sea.

"It had been our purpose, when our committee was organized in 1910, to plan for a great celebration of the centenary anniversary by various methods which have now, because of the terrible war which is still convulsing Europe and disturbing the whole world, become impracticable until the close of the conflict.

"But we appeal to the people in all the states and to all civic bodies to mark this notable anniversary by suitable exercises in churches of all denominations on the 14th of February, the date agreed upon for that purpose with our associate, the Canadian committee by formal addresses at the capitals of the respective states on the 17th and 18th of February, the dates of the ratification and proclamation of the treaty; and also by appropriate exercises in all the schools on the 22d day of February, or on such later date or dates in the spring of 1915 as may be locally deemed preferable.

"By which all the children of America should be instructed on the significance of this great event, and of the happy prospect which is assured to us, in spite of this horrible war, of another century of continued peace between all the English-speaking peoples of the world."

The signers were: Joseph H. Choate, chairman, New York; William Howard Taft, New Haven; Thomas F. Bayard, Wilmington; George W. Burleigh, New York; Nicholas Murray Butler, New York; William A. Clark, New York; John D. Crimmins, New York; William Curtis Demorest, New York; Henry S. Drinker, South Bethlehem; J. Taylor Ellyson, Richmond; John H. Finlay, Albany; Austen G. Fox, New York; Albert Eugene Gallatin, New York; James Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore; Samuel Gompers, Washington, D. C.; W. O. Hart, New Orleans; Job E. Hedges, New York; Andrew D. Humphrey, New York; Harry Pratt Judson, Chicago; Theodore Marburg, Baltimore; Henry C. Morris, Chicago; Robert C. Morris, New York; Alton B. Parker, New York; Elihu Root, Washington, D. C.; Francis Lynde Stetson, New York; John A. Stewart, New York; Oscar S. Straus, New York; and Frank S. Streeter, Concord.

Plans for the celebration were directed in this country by the American peace centenary committee, which has headquarters here.

TODAY'S STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Amal Copper	50⅝	49¼	[illegible]
Am Beet Sugar	31⅞	31	[illegible]
Am Can	24	22⅞	[illegible]
Am Can pfd	88	87¾	[illegible]
Am Car & Fu	43	43	[illegible]
Am Cot Oil	35½	35½	[illegible]
Am Locomo	21⅞	21	21¼
Am Smelt & R	54¼	53½	54⅛
Am Sugar Rfn	101⅞	101⅞	101⅞
Anaconda	24⅞	24¾	24⅞
Atchison	90½	89½	89½
Atchison pf	95	93	93
Balt & Ohio	67⅞	67	67
Br Rap Tran	85¼	84	84⅞
Canadian Pa	155½	155	154¾
Cent Leather	35⅝	35⅝	36
Ches & Ohio	40⅞	40½	40½
Chi & Gt W	10¼	10	10¼
Consol Gas	113	113	113
Del & Hud	138¾	138¾	138¾
Den & Rio G	6	[illegible]	6
Dis Secur Co	12	12	12
Erie	21⅝	21½	21
Erie 1st pf	33	32½	32½
Gt North pf	112⅞	112	112⅛
Gt N Ore ctf	34½	34	34
Int Met Com	12¼	12	12
Kan City So	21	21	21
Kan & Texas	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
Lehigh Valley	128¼	126	127¾
Missouri Pa	9½	9¼	9½
Nat Lead	43½	43½	43½
N Y Central	82¾	81¾	82
No Pa	98⅞	96⅝	97¾
Ont & West	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Pennsylvania	104½	102¾	103
Pressed Steel	34¼	33¾	33¾
Pullman Co	150½	150½	150½
Reading	142	139⅞	141¼
Rep Iron & S	18	18	18
Rep I & S pf	75½	75⅛	75¼
Rock Is	⅝	⅝	½
Rock Is pf	1½	1	1
St Paul	86	86	85½
So Pa	81½	81	81
So Ry	14	14	14
So Ry pf	58	58	58
Tenn Copper	31½	30	30½
Third Ave	35¼	35	35
Union Pa	115⅝	113	114
Union Pa pf	79	79	79
U S Steel	48½	48	48
U S Steel pf	104	103¾	104
U S Steel 5s	100⅛	100	100
Utah Copper	47	46½	46½
Wabash R R	¾	¾	¾

STOCKS WAVERED AGAIN

AT MARKET OPENING—STEEL NOT QUOTED—THE CLOSING WAS HEAVY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Stocks wavered again at the opening of today's market, several issues repeating their recent low prices and in some cases going lower. Steel was not quoted in the early dealings but came out later in a block of [illegible] shares at 48, its minimum. Secondary [illegible] generally better, Reading leading. Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Southern Pacific and Amalgamated advancing substantially over yesterday's close.

Short covering which contributed in large degree to the early rally was soon completed whereupon the list gradually reacted in all quarters. Canadian Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, Southern railway common and pfd. and Virginia-Carolina Chemical were added to the list of stocks already offered at minimum prices and other shares of equal importance were within fractional range. Steel, after gaining a fraction, promptly fell back to its established price.

Brooklyn Union Gas, with a ten point decline to its minimum of 115, was one of the few features of the stagnant mid-session. The general decline was arrested, however, Union Pacific and Lehigh Valley rallying a point or more with fractional recoveries elsewhere.

Stocks fell back again in the last hour on a steadily diminishing volume of business. Northern Pacific was then at its weakest; selling within a fraction of its minimum. The closing was heavy.

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton futures opened steady. First prices: Dec. 7.25; Jan. 7.48; March, 7.65; May, 7.82; July, 8.00; Oct. 8.28.

The close was very steady. Last prices:

Dec. 7.30; Jan. 7.41; March, 7.69; May, 7.85; July, 8.00; Oct., 8.31.

Cotton spot closed quiet. Middling Uplands, 7.65. Sales, 1000 bales.

BOSTON MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Boston Elevated	95	95	95
Boston & Maine	32	32	32
Fitchburg pf	76	76	76
N Y & N H	54	53	53½
MINING			
Alaska Gold	24½	23¾	24½
Am Zinc	15½	15	15½
Arcadian	5¾	5½	5½
Butte & Superior	33½	33	33¼
Butte ½ Superior	33¾	33	33¼
Cal & Ariz	53½	53	53½
Cal & Hecla	355	350	355
Chino	32½	31¾	32
Copper Range	30½	30	30
Daly-West	2¼	2¼	2¼
Greene-Cananea	23½	23¼	23½
Kerr Lake	4½	4½	4½
Miami	17	17	17
Mohawk	45½	45½	45½
Nevada	11½	11½	11½
Nipissing	6	6	6
North Butte	21½	21	21
Old Colony	3½	3½	3½
Osceola	64	64	64
Ray Cons	15	15	15
Santa Fe	1¼	1¼	1¼
Shannon	4⅞	4½	4½
U S Smelting	24½	24½	24½
U S Smelt pf	43¼	43	43
Winona	2	1⅞	1⅞
Wolverine	30½	30½	30½
TELEPHONE			
Am Tel & Tel	117½	116¾	116¾
MISCELLANEOUS			
Am Ag Chem pf	90	90	90
Am Pneumatic	2½	2½	2½
Am Woolen pf	75¼	75¼	75¼
Mass Elec	9	9	9
Mass Gas	83½	83½	83½
Pond Creek	13	12⅞	13
Swift & Co	103¾	103¾	103¾
United Fruit	113	113	113
United Sh M pf	28½	28½	28½

MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Call money steady. High 3; low 2 3-4; ruling rate, 3; last loan, 3; closing bid 2 3-4; offered at 3.

Time loans dull, 60 and 90 days and six months, 3 3-4a4.

Mercantile paper 4a4 1-2. Sterling exchange steady; 60 day bills 4.83; for cables 4.86; for demand 4.8575. Bar silver 48 3-4; Mexican dollars 37 1-4. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds heavy.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT

Spirit of Those at Home in France is to Give All to Father or Brother Serving With the Flag

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Christmas at the front will be as cheerful and comfortable as the love and self-denial of well nigh every family in France can make it. The spirit of those at home is not to give presents to one another but to unite and give all to the father or brother serving with the flag.

Many a family in France probably will dine meagrely tomorrow because of the packages of soft woolen things and boxes of delicacies which have gone to kinsmen at the front. Then there are field glasses, wrist watches, sleeping bags and an amazing variety of campaign conveniences.

The military administration has been most considerate in providing transportation, so that all this month numerous vans loaded with holiday packages were among the long supply trains back of the army.

Many a lone soldier, without family, has received various packages of things to eat, wear, smoke or drink from societies and from the government. The ministry of war among other things, is sending a bottle of champagne for every four soldiers at the front.

All the plum puddings in the shops of Paris have been taken by the French military to send to the British soldiers.

The Belgian refugees, especially the children, are being so overfed that the committees in charge of them have postponed by agreement various dinners and entertainments so as to extend them over the next ten days.

King Albert of Belgium has sent a box of 25 cigars to each of the Belgian soldiers. All the hospitals have arranged concerts, recitations and stereopticon shows for convalescing soldiers.

The American ambulance is bright with holly and mistletoe.

Madame Poincare, wife of the president of France, has sent 3000 packages of toys, candy and clothing to 3000 Alsace-Lorraine children, who live in the territories reconquered by France.

The French government is delivering great quantities of packages from Germany to prisoners of war. For the most part they are useful things, like blankets, underwear and woolen socks. Similar deliveries, it is understood, will be made by the German authorities to French prisoners.

While the men actually in the trenches will have to maintain the same strained alertness that they observe every day, and while there doubtless will be fierce fighting at certain points on the front, yet from 150 to 2,000 yards back of the infantry firing line arrangements have been made for plenty of jollity which will include a chicken dinner and champagne to drink with it. New Year's day is a greater holiday in France than Christmas and if the military situation permits it, General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief will give orders that the soldiers serving in the trenches tomorrow will not have to be there on the first day of the New Year.

Where the French and German trenches are close together there may be brief unofficial truces by common agreement for short periods of time. These understandings have not been unknown on other days and they may be more frequent on Christmas day.

$2,000 STOLEN

Man Snatched Handbag From Miss Murphy, Boston Bookkeeper

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Two thousand dollars was stolen by a highwayman today from Nora Murphy, a bookkeeper employed by the Direct Importing Co. The robbery took place at the corner of Eastern avenue and Commercial street, near the waterfront.

Miss Murphy was returning from the bank with the cash in her handbag when a man dressed like a laborer, overtook her, snatched her bag and vanished nearly as quickly as he appeared.

A police officer searched a tenement house which the robber was thought to have entered but found no trace of him.

Part of the stolen money was in gold coins which the firm was to have distributed to employes as holiday gifts.

GEN. SCOTT'S MISSION

TO THE MEXICAN BORDER IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY, IT IS SAID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Brig.-Gen. Hugh L. Scott's mission to the Mexican border is progressing satisfactorily, according to his message today to the war department. He has had conferences with Gov. Maytorena, General Calles and Mr. Pesquira, Villa leaders, and already had talked over the situation at Naco, Sonora, with General Benjamin Hill, a Carranza chieftain, the message said.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT

Ordered By Judge White in Suit for Injuries From Being Struck By Lump of Dough

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Judge White in the superior court yesterday ordered a verdict for the defendant in the $3000 suit of William Gutman against his employer, Julius Hurwitz, proprietor of a bakery at 7 Parkman street, for injuries caused by his being hit by a 50-pound lump of dough tossed by Hurwitz. The case will be reported to the full bench of the superior court. Judge White ruled that the evidence showed the assault to have been accidental. If the supreme court decides that he is in error, damages of $25 will be awarded.

HELD UP AND ROBBED

SMITH COLLEGE GIRL ATTACKED IN THE FENWAY, BOSTON—FOUGHT HIGHWAYMAN

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Clara Caulsen, of St. Paul, Minn., and a student of Smith college, on her way to visit her sister, a student at Simmons college, early last evening, in the Fenway, was held up and robbed of her pocketbook after she had battled with her assailant.

The girl is under the care of a physician at the college dormitory, summoned by Miss Gloucester, the matron in charge.

A squad of police, under notification from the college, was despatched to the scene of the holdup. At 11 last night the officers returned. Their search had been fruitless.

Details surrounding the happening are not entirely known to the police. The minute the girl staggered into the dormitory a veil of silence shrouded the affair. Even the police up to late last night had been refused information other than the immediate incidents of the struggle with the thief and the fact the girl was badly used in her scrimmage. The name of the attending physician has been withheld, also the name of the girl's sister, and the girl herself is unapproachable.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Provisional President Gutierrez and General Villa had a long conference last night in Mexico City, according to advices today from state department agents. As no mention was made of any street fighting or friction between the followers of the two leaders, state department officials regarded their despatches as evidence against reports that Gutierrez had been made a prisoner and that his forces had been engaged with Villa troops.

The despatch, dated late last night, referred in optimistic terms to the progress being made in rehabilitating the central government. Apparently confirming the state department view, the minister of foreign affairs in Gutierrez's cabinet telegraphed the Washington representatives of Gutierrez today that there was absolutely nothing new in the situation at Mexico City.

General Carranza has no intention of leaving Mexico, according to a telegram dated yesterday received at the Carranza agency here from Apizaco, a small town northeast of Puebla. He requested his representatives to deny all such reports.

A despatch to the state department today says Carranza is reported to have reached Cordoba on the line between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. His troops, it is added, have taken livestock and other articles at Orizaba and other places along the railway.

A despatch from Mexico City states that General Villa has taken a house at the capital and will remain there indefinitely.

JOHN MUIR DEAD

The Famous Naturalist Passed Away at Los Angeles Today

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—John Muir, the famous naturalist, died in a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 76 years old.

THE CLAFLIN BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In accordance with the plan and agreement of reorganization of the H. B. Claflin Co., it was announced last night the Mercantile Stores corporation has been organized under the laws of the state of New York and the following directors have been nominated by the trustees under the plan and have agreed to act:

James Alexander, president National Bank of Commerce; Henry D. Cooper of James F. White & Co.; Gates W. McGarrah, president Mechanics & Metals National bank; Gerrish H. Milliken of Deering, Milliken & Co.; Albert H. Wiggin, president Chase National bank; Alexander New of Kansas City, Mo., and Murray Carleton of Carleton-Ferguson Dry Goods Co. of St. Louis, Mo. The board elected Alexander New as president.

This corporation, it is stated, will exercise supervision over the business of 23 retail stores and will also hold stocks of other corporations mentioned in the plan, including the stock of H. B. Claflin corporation when organized. Deposits of claims under the plan have so far progressed, it was explained, as to warrant the organization of the company and the selection of a board preparatory to taking over the business as soon as the necessary court proceedings have been completed.

It is contemplated that within a short time a company to be known as the H. B. Claflin corporation, as provided in the plan, will be organized to succeed the wholesale business of the H. B. Claflin company, the old company to continue with the rights as provided in the plan.

GET BIG ORDER

Pittsburg Firms Get Order for $4,000,000 Worth of Wire

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Demand from the belligerent nations of Europe for barbed wire and plain wire today reached the feverish stage in the wire mills of this district. Offers of orders aggregating 125,000 tons of which 25,000 tons are specified as barbed wire of special design have been made within the past few days, the only point at issue being the time at which delivery can be made. This business is worth approximately $4,000,000 and will keep the mills going for several months. England, France and Russia have been large customers of the Pittsburgh wire mills since the war broke out.

WELL KNOWN IN LOWELL

LAWRENCE JEWELER WHO WAS MURDERED IN WAKEFIELD WAS IN THIS CITY A FEW DAYS AGO

Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jeweler who was murdered in Wakefield, was well known in this city having spent considerable time here selling jewelry during the past few years. Mr. Albertson was in Lowell, it is said, only a few days ago and took orders for jewerly which he was to deliver in the near future.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE

LONDON'S FAMOUS RECREATION GROUND IS TO BE USED FOR SOLDIERS

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press) The Crystal palace, London's famous recreation ground, will be closed to the public from New Year's day to the end of the war, in order to provide training quarters for soldiers. It is estimated that at least ten thousand men will bunk in the glass exhibition hall.

One effect will be to cause the English cup final, which decides the professional association football championship and is the most popular sporting event in England, with the exception of the Derby race, to be played on other grounds next April.

SALEM MAN ARRESTED

WILLIAM LIZOTTE ARRESTED FOR THE ALLEGED LARCENY OF AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE

Inspectors Walsh and Petrie arrested William Lizotte of Salem this afternoon on a warrant charging him with the larceny of an automobile tire from Henry Pitts, the local auto supply dealer. Lizotte denied at the station that he had anything to do with the theft. The value of the tire is $42.

Last Tuesday Mr. Pitts left his machine standing near the curb on Middle street for a few minutes. A new tire was strapped on to the rear of the machine when he left it but when he returned the tire was gone. Mr. Pitts immediately notified the police.

News was received at the station of a chap who was sleeping in a hall on Middle street and Inspectors Walsh and Petrie were put on the trail. According to the police version of the story Lizotte was found in a hall and the tire was discovered on the fire escape which runs along the rear of the building.

It is also claimed that the prisoner approached a local man and attempted to have him dispose of the tire. Nothing has been heard from the Salem police concerning Lizotte as yet. He will be arraigned in police court Saturday on the charge of larceny.

SEN. DUPONT IN HOSPITAL

ROCHESTER, Minn., Dec. 24.—Senator Henry Dupont of Delaware underwent a serious operation for abdominal trouble at St. Mary's hospital here today. His condition this afternoon was reported as satisfactory by attending surgeons.

FIRE IN OLD CAR BARN

BLAZE IN SOUTH WHIPPLE STREET STRUCTURE DID LITTLE HARM—ONE HORSE TAKEN OUT

The old car shed in South Whipple street, now used by the park department as a stable, was threatened with destruction early this afternoon, when a lively blaze broke out in the upper portion of the building. The horse of the park department was in the stable at the time, but it was an easy matter to drive the steed out.

When the fire was discovered an alarm from box 46 was sent in at 1.05 o'clock and a portion of the fire department rushed to the scene of the threatening blaze. The horse of the park department was quickly led out and lines of hose were laid. After a few minutes' hard work, the fire-fighters succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, which was working its way to the roof of the building. It is not known how the fire started, but it is believed it was through an overheated chimney. The damage which is confined to the old wooden structure is slight.

MRS. HANNAH FAY DEAD

WORCESTER WOMAN, 100 YEARS OLD, PASSED AWAY TODAY—NATIVE OF HARVARD

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Hannah Fairbanks Fay, 100 years old died today. She was a native of Harvard, Mass., where she was born in 1814. She had been a resident of Worcester since her marriage in 1845. She leaves a daughter in Worcester and a sister, Mrs. Abbie W. Hubbard of Dubuque, Wis., who is 90 years old.

SAN ANTONIO SOCIETY

Officers For the Year Elected at Last Night's Meeting—Vincent Marotta President

The regular meeting of the members of San Antonio de Padoua society was held last night in their quarters in Chapel street. The attendance was large and considerable business was transacted with President Vincent Marotta in the chair. A feature of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Vincent Marotta, president; Ferdinando D'Arezzo, vice-president; Davide de Paulis, secretary; Pasquale Costante, assistant secretary; Joseph Pilato, treasurer; Francesco Di Grandis, Francesco Zampagna, Giovanni Botti, Nicola Fiorilla and Carmine Sylvestro, directors; Andrea Traverso, Simone Lepore, sick wardens; Joseph Castellana, Nicola Vrascellera, flag bearers; Giovani Di Paulis, marshal; Domenico Castellani, guide; Pietro Castellano, sentinel.

Mr. Marotta, the organizer of the society, has occupied the position of president since the inception of the organization and although he did not care to be a candidate for the same office this year, the members forced him to accept for another term. Under his direction the society has progressed considerably. The installation of the new officers will be held at the next regular meeting, at which time a social hour will be held.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations as follows:

Dec. 29.—Agriculturist and field agent, (male), salary, $2540 per annum; assistant engineer, mapping wells, (male), salary $1500 per annum.

Jan. 6—Veterinarian, (male), salary $1400 per annum; assistant photographer, (male), salary $1200 per annum.

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BRITISH VESSELS FINED

FOR VIOLATING QUARANTINE REGULATIONS IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—British colliers in the canal zone have recently violated quarantine regulations, according to the canal record of Dec. 16 just received here but no mention is made of alleged infractions of American neutrality.

From Dec. 5 to 15 six British colliers and two British merchant vessels arrived at Cristobal on the Atlantic and at Balboa on the Pacific side without bills of health in violation of quarantine regulations. Fines of $25 were imposed upon the Reddam and the Kirnwood which brought coal from England and Wales. They were allowed to proceed through the canal and detained at Balboa until the district court had acted. The merchant steamers Nyanza and Atlantic City, sugar laden, were fined $25 each. The collier Mollina was fined $50, the Withernsea, also coal laden, was fined $50, and the Lena and the Boyne, with coal from Wales, were fined $100 each.

All of the six coal shipments were consigned to the British admiralty.

EXPERIENCE OF NOBLE WOMEN IN EUROPE

The terrible experiences that many noble women in Europe have endured during past few months can never be all told. Here in America many women, both young and old, have experienced much misery and suffering.

Middle aged women about to experience that dreaded change of life should profit by the experience of thousands of noble women who have gone through the same period with little or no pain, misery or discomfort.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is and has been for over 40 years just the medicine that every woman needs when passing through the changing days. It is not a secret prescription for its ingredients are printed on the wrapper; it's a temperance medicine.

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INJUNCTION IS REFUSED

ARIZONA PROHIBITION LAW WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1 IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect Jan. 1. The special United States tribunal from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement refused to issue such injunctions, in a brief decision rendered today. Appeal to the United State's supreme court will be taken at once.

HARRY THAW IS HAPPY

MRS. THAW TO PASS CHRISTMAS WITH HER SON IN MANCHESTER, N. H.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24.—It was learned at the home of Harry K. Thaw today it was probable that Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, his mother, would spend Christmas with him. It is understood that Mrs. Thaw visited her son's chief counsel, former Secretary of State Philander C. Knox, at the latter's country home at Valley Forge, Pa., yesterday when further procedure on behalf of Thaw was discussed.

Thaw maintains the silence imposed upon him by counsel before the decision of the United States supreme court compelling his extradition to New York was announced. His secretary reiterated that Thaw had not and would not say a word to the public regarding his case.

CITY AND NATION AT ODDS

Lawrence Wants $24.12 for Watering Street in Front of Postoffice, But Uncle Sam Demurs

LAWRENCE, Dec. 24.—The municipal government and the federal government are at odds over a charge of $24.12 for street watering in front of the postoffice here. Postmaster M. F. Cronin yesterday informed Mayor Kane he had received advice from Washington that the bill would not be paid, the contention being that a municipality cannot tax the national government.

The mayor thought the best way out would be to waive the sum, but Alderman Hannagan, who as director of engineering has charge of the water and street departments, demurred. He contended that it was not a tax, but a charge for service. Then the alderman, who, although elected as a non-partisan, is a democrat, and a former member of the democratic state central committee, to lay for—at his political allegiance—declare that the Wilson administration never refused to pay the bill, and he was opposed to starting this one.

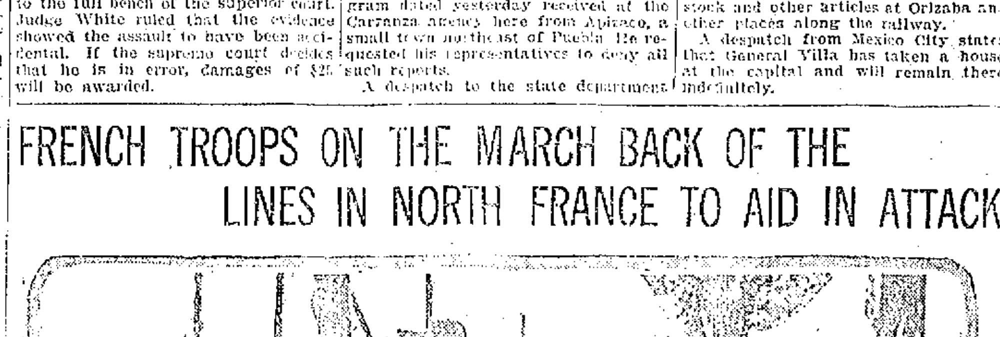
FIRE ON STEAMER

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 24.—Fire in her hold compelled the British steamer Hampstead from Galveston to Genoa with cotton to put into Newport News today. The flames, discovered yesterday were said to have been extinguished after the hold had been flooded. The extent of damage and the fire's origin have not been determined.

VICTIM OF PARALYTIC SHOCK

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 24.—Lebaron Thompson, travelling agent of the Eastern S. S. corporation, died today from a paralytic shock.

FRENCH TROOPS ON THE MARCH BACK OF THE LINES IN NORTH FRANCE TO AID IN ATTACK



FRENCH SOLDIERS ON MARCH IN NORTHERN FRANCE ©1914 BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

This is a picture of French soldiers on the march in northern France. The infantry is accompanied by pack animals. It is supposed that this picture was taken not far from the lines of the allies and that the troops were on the march to another part of the front for an attack. The caption permitted by the censor to come through simply states that the troops are on the march in northern France.

BELGIAN KING THANKS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS IN WEST FLANDERS, BELGIUM, Sunday, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 23.—In the council chamber of an ancient Flemish town hall, from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war-worn little army blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert of the Belgians today told the Associated Press of the stand his soldiers are making against the German invaders. The king's headquarters is located on one of the remaining dry areas of that small corner of Belgium left under his rule.

King Albert also requested the Associated Press to convey to the people of the United States his deep gratitude for their efforts to feed his subjects now under German military rule.

The monarch was alone when the correspondent was admitted to the council chamber, not even an aide being present. The king's tall, angular, Lincoln-like form was clothed in the simple undress uniform of a general of artillery, which was without insignia, beyond braided shoulder straps, to distinguish him from a staff officer.

Physically King Albert looks hardened, but lines of care show in his otherwise youthful face. In manner he is decidedly shy, and he apologized for his English, which, however, was very fluent. The light from a smoky oil lamp barely penetrated the recesses of the great beamed hall, from the walls of which empty picture frames stared down.

When the king saw the eyes of the correspondent fixed on these blank spaces, where a few months ago invaluable Flemish canvases hung, he smiled, and said he no longer expected the Germans to be in a position even to take the frames.

Soldiers His Children

Modestly he praised the courage of his soldiers, speaking of them with great kindness—as though he was talking about his children. "I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when tomorrow you shall have the chance to witness the peasants working in their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the loss of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief."

When Edgar Sengeer, Belgian attache to the American commission for the relief of Belgium, entered and presented King Albert with a report from the commission showing that enough food was in sight to feed his people until Feb. 12, the king turned quickly to the correspondent, saying: "Will you be kind enough to carry to the American people my deep gratitude."

He then wrote in English the following:

Message to Americans

"The magnificent generosity of the American people in forwarding immense quantities of gifts of foodstuffs to my suffering people affords me intense satisfaction and touches me very deeply.

"In this my country's hour of trial nothing has supported me more than the sympathy and the superb generosity of those who have assisted in materially lessening the same; and I desire to offer my deepest thanks and at the same time to convey a message of good will for the new year.

(Signed) "Albert,
"King of the Belgians."

King Albert was also anxious to have the American people know, as he put it, the facts of the story of how his troops, demoralized and disorganized by their disheartening retreat almost across the entire limits of their own country, turned at bay along the Yser and held back the Germans there at frightful cost in killed and wounded to their army, and of the most incalculable loss suffered in the deliberate inundation by its owners of the most valuable agricultural part of the country.

700 Killed in One Battle

"In one of those terrible nine days in the trenches along the Yser," the king said, "I know that 700 of our brave Belgian soldiers were killed outright." He continued:

"I believe that I am not claiming too much to say our army saved Dunkirk and Calais at the battle of the Yser."

The king spoke with the warmest affection for his soldiers now in the trenches, praising their good spirits. When the correspondent expressed a desire to see the Belgian soldiers actually in the trenches, he said:

"You may, but I cannot promise that this will be without risk. Mrs. Asquith expressed the same desire while she was visiting my wife a short time ago. When the party was taken to the second line of trenches a big German shell fell nearby, and it did not make our guests feel comfortable."

When the correspondent inquired as to the king's own safety King Albert replied:

"We must live under shell fire here."

Later inspection showed this remark to be literally true, as scarcely a square mile of Belgium left under the rule of her king is free from the danger of shell fire.

It Really Does Relieve Rheumatism

Everybody who is afflicted with rheumatism in any form should by all means keep a bottle of Sloan's Liniment on hand. The minute you feel pain or soreness in a joint or muscle, bathe it with Sloan's Liniment. Do not rub it. Sloan's penetrates almost immediately right to the seat of pain, relieving the hot, tender, swollen feeling and making the part easy and comfortable. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle today.

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SKATING AT SHEDD PARK

SUPT. KERNAN SAYS THE ICE IS NOW IN FIRST CLASS CONDITION FOR IT

There is good skating at Shedd park, for John Woodbury Kernan himself hath said it. Mr. Kernan is superintendent of parks, the year round, and he spoke today in glowing terms of the condition of the ice at the Shedd park skating rink. "We worked all day yesterday and until 7 o'clock last night flooding the rink," said Mr. Kernan, "and the rink is in the pink of condition today. I was afraid that we wouldn't have skating for Christmas and I was glad that everything came out all right. I hope we will not have any more snow until after Christmas. I think the skating rink at Shedd park affords more amusement to the boys and girls, and their elders, too, than anything else in Lowell. Don't forget to put a notice in The Sun that there's good skating at Shedd park. We want all the boys and girls in Lowell to know it."

WAS BORN IN LOWELL

ELIAS A. McQUAID APPOINTED ASSISTANT PRIVATE SECRETARY BY GOV. WALSH

The only nomination sent by Governor Walsh to the executive council at its meeting yesterday was that of Elias A. McQuaid, a Boston newspaper man, to be his assistant private secretary. The position has been vacant since August, when Thomas H. Cornelly, who, until that time had been the governor's assistant private secretary since Gov. Walsh took office, succeeded Judge John P. Meaney, now of the public service commission, as secretary.

Mr. McQuaid's nomination was unanimously confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McQuaid has been a member of the press gallery of the state house ten years and has a wide acquaintance among Massachusetts public men. He is a native of Lowell, where he was born May 10, 1873. He attended the public schools and a private high school at Manchester, N. H., where, at the age of 15, he entered the employ of the late Col. John B. Clarke on the Evening Mirror.

He reported several sessions of the New Hampshire legislature and spent the summer of 1898 at Chickamauga park with the 1st New Hampshire Volunteers. About 10 years ago Mr. McQuaid was made the state house representative of the Boston Traveler. Afterward he entered the service of the American, which he has represented in many important capacities.

The newest member of the governor's staff lives in Pinckney street, close by the state house. He is married and has three children. His only affiliation is with the Boston Press club.

PORT OF BANGOR CLOSED

SUDDEN DROP OF FIVE BELOW ZERO CAUGHT SHIPS—14 BELOW AT BRUNSWICK

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 24.—The port of Bangor closed yesterday with the sudden drop to five below zero Tuesday night. The fishing schooner Lizzie Griffin, discharging fish, was frozen in, but released by the tug Ralph Ross, which broke open a channel after butting the ice several hours.

The Brewer Ferry steamer was hauled off her route, two or three inches of ice forming in her channel. The port has been open about the average time. In 1913 the river closed on Dec. 23.

Winterport will be the head of navigation on the Penobscot until spring.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

SUN FEATURES SATURDAY

They Do Say, Mrs. Ray's Menus, Real Estate Page, and Others for The Sun Readers

The main feature of Saturday's Sun will be the Real Estate and Builders' Page, which will be replete with matter of general interest. It will contain in addition to the news of the local building and real estate operations, a valuable directory of real estate men and contractors.

"They Do Say" will be another feature of Saturday's Sun. Everyone reads these bright little paragraphs which deal with affairs of general interest.

Marie, "The French Maid," will describe a new decoration for the home. She will also tell how to give an attractive appearance to an ordinary plain desk.

"The Rabbit's Foot" will tell how to grow plump and how to care for the hands. Many people judge others by the appearance of their hands. The use of poor soaps is often injurious. This article will contain helpful information.

"Independent Pussy" and "The Rose Fairy" are the sleepytime tales which will be printed for the children on Saturday.

Mrs. Ray's Low Cost Menu, for the entire week will be included in The Sun features on Saturday.

AT BRUNSWICK 14 BELOW

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 24.—Yesterday was the coldest morning of the winter, the thermometer registering from 10 to 14 degrees below zero, according to the location.

LAWRENCE MAN'S BODY FOUND BURIED IN CELLAR

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Buried under six feet of earth in the cellar of a shack in the rear of 34 Columbia road, Wakefield, the body of Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jeweler who was last seen alive on Sunday, was found yesterday afternoon by Lawrence and Wakefield police.

Death was due, in the opinion of the medical examiner, to shots or stab wounds, probably the latter. Ten cuts, up and down the front of the body, apparently had been inflicted while Albertson was gagged and bound by a stout rope secured about his head.

Jewelry valued at about $2000, which he had brought with him to Wakefield to sell to a prospective "bridegroom," and cash estimated at between $85 and $100, were missing. The body was surrounded by sticks of dynamite that made digging perilous.

Soon after the body had been found, the police arrested Luigi Grassidonio, age 42, of 19 Hart street, Wakefield, a shoemaker formerly employed by Albertson, on the charge of murder. Grassidonio is said to have been one of the four men who last week asked Albertson to come to Wakefield from Lawrence for the purpose of exhibiting his jewelry.

Seeking a Fourth Man

Two others, Joseph and Gaetano Jambressi, age 33 and 29, of 26 Water street, Wakefield, both stone masons, were locked up as suspicious persons in connection with Albertson's death.

The three now under arrest will be arraigned before Judge Bruce in the Malden district court today.

Following information given the police last night by a woman living in the neighborhood, the Wakefield officers came to Boston and with the co-operation of local police began a search for Giagio Farzone, alleged to be the fourth member of the quartet that went to see Albertson in Lawrence.

The woman declares that the jeweler came to her on Sunday and asked if it were "Luigi's" house. When she said it was not, he departed and made straight for the shack where his body was found. Farzone is said to have occupied this little building until this week.

The man is described as 26 years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighing 145 pounds. He has a black moustache and dark hair, and was dressed when last seen in a blue suit and a greenish overcoat. No trace of him had been discovered in Boston up to an early hour this morning.

Albertson's body was found by a searching party consisting of Inspectors C. R. Vose and E. H. Mulhare of the Lawrence police, and Chief James J. Pollard and Patrolman Joseph Preston of Wakefield. The digging that unearthed the corpse was done by Preston.

From house to house the men traced Albertson's movements on Sunday. In most of the places the jeweler made collections on goods he had sold previously on the instalment plan.

At 34 Columbia road, in the heart of the section known as "Factory Field," Albertson had been told to call to show the wedding jewelry he expected to sell. The address apparently had been used as a blind, for the woman of the house who answered the door told him that she knew nothing about any jewelry and did not wish to purchase any.

There Albertson's trail was lost temporarily, and suspicion was directed to the shack in the rear. In the house there was no trace of Farzona, so attention was turned to the cellar.

Excavation Difficult

This basement, a shallow, scooped-out affair, hardly deep enough to admit a man in a kneeling posture, was reached through a trapdoor about two feet square. Patrolman Preston, armed with a shovel, climbed in, and worked part of the time kneeling, part of the time lying on his stomach.

He had to dig the place out to a depth of about two feet, and was about to give up when his shovel struck a piece of wood that apparently had been in the earth only a short time. With this clue he continued excavating, and at a depth of six feet came upon the body.

It was wrapped in a sheet. Across the mouth ran a short rope, fashioned into a sort of a lasso by an iron ring in one end that was secured tightly at the back of the head. Albertson evidently had been unable either to cry out or to make much struggle.

The wounds that caused his death had all been inflicted in the front part of his body, extending from the upper part of the abdomen to a point level with the heart. As long as he was conscious he probably could watch each stab as it was directed at some vital spot.

Scattered about the shallow cellar, many of them close to the body, were a number of sticks of dynamite and a quantity of discharged shotgun shells.

On the floor of the shack above stood a candle that had burned down to within two inches of the ground. The boards under it were saturated with oil, and it is the theory of the police that Albertson's murderers intended that the building should burn, ignite the dynamite and destroy all clues.

A single stick of the explosive, in addition to those in the cellar, was fastened to the trapdoor, close to the candle, by means of a quantity of twisted wire. The authorities think that the murderers were unfamiliar with dynamite and hoped it would explode rather than burn up.

The grave had been carelessly filled in and covered over, but because of its inaccessibility and the darkness in the cellar might have escaped detection for many weeks or months. Patrolman Preston had to exercise the greatest care not to explode the dynamite as he excavated.

Search for Slayer

WAKEFIELD, Dec. 24.—The search for the slayer of Maurice A. Albertson, the Lawrence jewelry salesman, whose body, bearing 11 stab wounds, was found buried beneath a hut here yesterday, was continued today, police from Lawrence, Lowell and Boston assisting the local officers. Three men who were detained after the body was discovered yesterday were released today after a court hearing. It was stated at the police station that these men might be wanted later as witnesses. The police say they were anxious to interview Giago Furzone who is said to have occupied the hut during the fall and who is believed to have known Albertson.

A crowd gathered about the town hall this forenoon, anticipating the transfer of the detained men to the district court at Malden.

Even when informed that the trio were at liberty, the crowd continued to loiter about the town hall, noisily discussing the murder.

Albertson, the autopsy showed, had been stabbed 11 times and a rope with an iron core had been wound around his neck. A bundle containing a knife, hatchet, saw and bar was found in a corner of the shack today.

A committee of citizens has asked the police department to enlarge the night force of the town, which now consists of four patrolmen.

Spend tonight with the Brownies.

"DEEP INTO OUR HEARTS"

London Times Comments on American Interest and Regard For Britain and Her Allies

LONDON, Dec. 24.—In an editorial commenting regretfully on the necessity of postponing the celebration of the peace centenary marking 100 years of peace between the English-speaking nations's gratitude to America for material proofs of sympathy and affection and for the work done for victims of the war.

The article details a long list of American war charities, and adds:

"In all history there has been no work like it. Never before have we received from another people proof so moving of interest and regard. We are not an effusive nation, but the American self-sacrifice and warm kindliness have sunk deep into our hearts.

"If we cannot today unite with our American friends in a great peace celebration, we can at least bear testimony to the unparalleled munificence of their charity and the good will they are showing to all, but not least to ourselves and our allies.

WHAT THE FRENCH MAID SAID

FLOORS AND CARPETS

"A real housekeeper looks well after her floors and floor coverings," said Marie as she noticed Marjorie's inquiring eyes upon her as she actively directed the parlor maid in removing a grease spot from a beautiful rug in her madame's house.

"You know," continued Marie, "candle grease can be removed from carpets or rugs by placing a piece of clean blotting paper over the mark and holding a warm iron over (not touching) the paper. As soon as the paper becomes greasy renew it, and continue until all the grease has been absorbed.

"Ink-stains, if fresh, will yield to washing with milk and water, but a mark of long standing must be scrubbed with oxalic acid and water, the correct proportions being one teaspoonful of the former to half a teacup of the latter.

"Fuller's earth is an excellent absorbative of any kind of grease, and will often take out stains that will yield to no other treatment. Make a stiff paste of the prepared earth with water and a few drops of ammonia; spread it thickly over the stain, leave for 24 hours, then brush off."

"How do you polish the flooring?" asked Marjorie.

"There is no better polish for stained floors," answered Marie, "than the old-fashioned beeswax and turpentine, though some of the disinfectant waxes used in hospitals and other large buildings can be highly recommended. It is a great mistake to constantly wash linoleum and cork carpets for water rots the surface and makes them porous, thus providing homes for millions of undesirable microbes.

"It is far, far better to rub briskly with a good wash-cloth, which also acts as a disinfectant and preservative. At the same time, too, the wax fills up all the little holes in the surface so that any dust or dirt that accumulates on the top can be easily swept away.

"Tiled floors are quite common nowadays," continued Marie, "and they need careful treatment if they are to be kept in good condition. When washing them use as little water as you can, for if it is allowed to rest between the tiles the cement in which they are set becomes loosened. Afterwards the floor should be wiped over with a cloth dipped in skimmed milk, and a monthly rubbing with boiled linseed oil, very sparingly applied, will also greatly improve its appearance."

"You have helped me greatly; thank you ever so much," gratefully exclaimed Marjorie in departing.

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GUNBOAT SMITH WON

McCARTY WAS OUT STANDING UP, WHEN REFEREE INTERFERED AND STOPPED BOUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Gunboat" Smith pricked the bubble of Tom McCarty's prestige as a fighter by knocking out the Montana scrapper in the first minute and a half of the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout at the Empire A. C. last night. After Smith had toppled over McCarty three times Referee Dan Tone stopped the milling.

McCarty was "out" standing up when Tone saved him. He was so weak and helpless that he did not know just where he was or what had happened to him. He was cut and bleeding at the mouth and had become a chopping block for Smith. Tone showed good judgment in stopping the bout when he did.

Smith did the work with three right-hand swings to McCarty's face soon after the round opened. The first one, his favorite "hospital punch," landed just behind the ear. McCarty's failure to take the count after he had dropped to the mat made him a mark for Smith's second swing to the face, and again McCarty dropped, this time to the ropes. When Tom regained his feet Smith again swung to the face, and as McCarty was too weak to guard himself the punch found a mark on his chin and mouth. Tone then interfered.

Up to the time that Smith made his winning rally McCarty had more than held his own. He had bombarded Smith to the ropes several times with hard left hooks to the face and under the ear.

The Montana man's guard was so low and he was so open to attack that Smith managed to shake him up in the third session with a hard right to the chin, which glanced off without doing more damage than bewildering the Montana cowboy.

Had the punch landed flush the bout would have ended then. As it was, it was the beginning of McCarty's troubles.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

TEXTILE MANUFACTURER

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 24.—Harry Tunstall, a textile manufacturer with experience gained in factories in England and recently superintendent of the Grant Yarn Co.'s plant in Fitchburg, has been chosen as agent for the Wamsutta mills, the largest cotton cloth factory in this city. Mr. Tunstall, who succeeded Herbert E. Walmsley, was born in England. He came to the United States 23 years ago and has since been connected with textile mills at Westerly, R. I., Pawtucket and Fall River.

BY ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Great Whist Party in New St. Jean Baptiste Church, Now Almost Completed

One of the most successful whist and socials in the history of St. Joseph's parish was conducted last night in the upper part of St. Jean Baptiste church, which it is expected will be reopened for services about the middle of next month. The affair was attended by over 1500 people, who were eager to get a glimpse of the new church before the finishing touch is put on. The receipts of the evening were very substantial and reflect much credit upon the organizers, the members of the Notre Dame de Lourdes sodality, headed by their genial and zealous president, Miss Clorilda Heroux.

The new features of the church, including the handsome and artistic paintings, the elimination of columns and the construction of two galleries in the rear, as well as the well ornamented, fireproof ceiling, were the object of favorable comment on the part of the large attendance. Among those present at the reunion were the members of the clergy, Architect Henry L. Bourke, who drew the plans and under whose personal supervision the reconstruction of the gutted church was done, and Contractor William Deapeau, and other prominent citizens of the city.

Twelve deals of cards were played, and at the close of the contest an elaborate entertainment program was carried out by the sodality choir under the direction of Miss Anais Desrosiers, with Miss Georgiana Boisvert presiding at the piano. While the musical numbers were being given, the following, who had been appointed as judges, tallied up the result of the card tournament: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Racette, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Caisse, Mr. and Mrs. Hermenegilde Marin, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Geoffroy, Miss Angelina Gauthier and Fred Lussier.

Handsome and valuable prizes were awarded the winners, and at the close of the evening Rev. Dr. J. H. Recette, O. M. I., pastor, addressed the gathering, thanking them for having responded in such large numbers. He spoke of the reconstruction of the church, and said he hoped the new temple would be ready for service by the middle of next month. The pastor extended his heartfelt thanks to the members of the sodality and particularly to the zealous president, who, he said, spared no time or money to make the event one of the most successful ever conducted in the parish. He concluded by wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Rev. Armand Baron, O. M. I., spiritual director of the sodality, also made a few remarks.

The event was in charge of Miss Clorilda Heroux, who was assisted by the following young women:

Miss Anna Barry, as treasurer, and the Misses Helen Mailhot and Amanda Bergeron as aids. The following members cooperated in the work by officiating as servers: Misses Amanda Roux, Anna Bertrand, Albina Bougeault, Anna Perron, Diana Gauthier, Irene Vanasse, Claire Paquet, Anna Lefebvre, I. Hotin, Ida Matte, Marie Geoffroy, Beontine Parent, Marie Ouellette, Ernestine Daigle, Marie Bisaillon, L. Marchand, Amelia Harrison, Clara Hardy, Rose Roy, Diana Cote, Della Hardy, Elise Germain, Regina Gilbert, Irene Mailhot, Anna Mailhot, Lucina Carufel, Louise Labrecque, Anna Gagnon, Antoinette Jalbert, Corinne Jalbert, Virginie Legoff, Albertine Grenier, R. Herbert, M. L. Gauthier, Demerise Bisson, Josephine Hamel, Emma Jacques, Marie Louise Verville, S. Martin and Emma Seigman.

The following young women were in charge of the checking room: Misses Elmire Verville, Emerentienne Delisle, Bernadette Bourgeault, Elodie St. George, Marie L. Corcoran, Amanda Leblanc, Dina Gagnon, Louisa Rivet, Anna Bourgeault, Elmina Cote, Marguerite Geoffroy, Marie Anne Beaucage, Maria Gregoire, Rose Couloinbe, Augustine Germain, Caroline Morrissette, Marie Morrissette, Alice Lerue, Adelino Lavigne, Rose Lafreniere and Cordelia Carlere. Master Aristide Heroux was announcer.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN MILL

CHILDREN OF AMOSKEAG CO'S EMPLOYES IN MANCHESTER, N. H., MADE HAPPY

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24—Eight hundred children of employes of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company received Christmas gifts from the company last night. A tree was set up in one of the largest mills of the textile plant and from it the gifts were distributed.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

THE CHRISTMAS FORGER

SWINDLER HAS CHEATED CHICAGO MERCHANTS OUT OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A swindler known to the police as "the Christmas forger," who during the shopping season last Christmas is said to have obtained $21,000 in Boston, New York and Philadelphia, has cheated Chicago merchants out of thousands of dollars within the last week, it was learned today.

"A. Travers, a contractor and builder of Montreal, Canada," as the forger introduced himself, carried letters of credit for sums varying from $1000 to $10,000. He sought the leading jewelry establishments in the city for his operations and is known to have victimized four concerns out of $1000. Others reported they had cashed worthless drafts and checks for sums ranging from $100 to $500.

"Travers," according to private detectives, carries on his swindling operations only during the Christmas shopping season and selects a new field every year.

DEATH OF WILLIAM J. BURKE

One of the Most Famous of Old-Time American Minstrels Passes Away in Union Hospital, Lynn

LYNN, Dec. 24.—William J. Burke, one of the most famous of American minstrels, who traveled for years with Lew Dockstader, George West, George Primrose and others, died yesterday at the Union hospital, Lynn, as a result of an operation for appendicitis. He was 58 years of age.

"Bill" Burke was known all over the country among those people who are familiar with the stars of the vaudeville stage.

He was born in Lynn in 1856 and lived much of his life here and in Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H. For years past since his retirement from the professional stage he had been engaged in the liquor business in this city, and he was, at the time of his death, president of the Lynn Licensees' association. He was prominent in the Elks' order and only last Thursday did he make his last appearance on the stage in a great benefit show held by them.

He is survived by a wife and son, John, who reside at 41 Walden street.

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POLICEMAN FINED $25

NORTH WALPOLE OFFICER ADMITS FURNISHING LIQUOR FOR NO-LICENSE CELEBRATION

NORTH WALPOLE, N. H., Dec. 24.—Patrick Tyman, a police officer of North Walpole, yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing liquor. He was fined $25 and costs and a sentence of 30 days in jail was suspended.

Last election day Walpole voted no-license and that evening there was a celebration in the Russell building, which also is used as a lockup. There were many no-license advocates at this celebration. Police Officer Tyman pleaded guilty to furnishing the liquor for that occasion.

Miner's orchestra, Associate hall.

CURIOUS EFFECT OF WAR

REVIVES ANCIENT ALLIANCE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.—A curious effect of the war is its bearing on the fish trade of New Foundland and maritime Canada. The war has revived the ancient alliance between Great Britain and Portugal, and the result has been that a discrimination made by Portugal for many years against fish from New Foundland and the Canadian maritime provinces has been removed. The products of this region are now admitted to Portuguese markets on an equality with those of all other countries.

MUST HAVE A WORLD MARKET

Vice President Marshall Says We Will Get It Under the Democratic Administration

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24.—"We claim the right to deal with all nations, irrespective of their private wars," Vice President Thomas R. Marshall said here yesterday. "The United States must have a world market, and we will get it under the democratic administration."

The vice president and his wife are at Scottsdale to spend the holidays with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kinzey.

FISHED IN CLOSED POND

Manager Moran of the Phillies and Thomas F. Norton, a Friend, Fined $10 Each at Gardner

GARDNER, Dec. 24.—Patrick F. Moran, manager of the Philadelphia National league baseball club, and Thomas F. Norton of Fitchburg were summoned into the district yesterday morning by Deputy Game Warden Albert L. Stratton on charges of fishing in a state reservation pond. They were fined $10 each and paid.

THE RABBIT'S FOOT

BY GWEN SEARS

SERENITY

There is a wondrous beauty secret not found in the cosmetic jar, or within the sanctum sanctorum of beauty parlors, and is a secret which any woman may possess.

This secret is simply the serenity which comes from relaxation and repose. The serene woman appears to advantage on every occasion.

The suggestion of reserve, intellectual strength and repose are more impressive than the uneasiness of a nervous, fidgety, talkative woman who feels that she must continually bustle and excite to gain attention.

The wear and tear from a nervous temperament will leave the marks of strain on complexion and figure which no creams or lotions can remove.

We see something of the effects of over-emotional natures on the faces of actors or actresses who, past their first youth, have "felt" their parts too keenly, without proper preventatives or knowledge of their own undoing.

Temperament and an inner appreciation is much better than a hogematic nature which feels nothing, but everything dealing with the dances should be done in moderation.

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CHRISTMAS, 1914

Once, in David's royal city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a maiden laid her baby,
With a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her only child.

—Old Christmas Hymn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David." (Luke, Chap. 11, 8-11).

Two thousand years have passed since the angel of the Lord brought the message of man's redemption to the shepherds on the mountains of Judea, and during this time millions have gathered in thrilled solemnity at this time yearly to contemplate the wonderful nativity that was to have such an influence in moulding the world and changing the destinies of nations. At the time of the first Christmas, the great Roman empire was tottering to its fall, undermined by luxury and license. With its fall was to go much that was beautiful, but beauty and power had alike run riot and sensuality and sin were enshrined in the very temples of the gods. Who could have foreseen on that wonderful night long ago that a Child born in a manger would, without seeking earthly glory, throw down the proudest and strongest pagan systems and, by dying ignominiously on the cross, make the cross the most revered and the most mighty symbol from one end of the world to the other for two thousand years?

In earlier days than ours when there was, perhaps, more spirituality and sentiment on earth than now, Christmas was set apart as the greatest feast day of the entire year. The church surrounded it with the pomp of gorgeous ceremony and it became the central idea of Christian worship. It became also the inspiration of painter and composer so that today all the great galleries of the world have masterpieces of the mighty ones who lavished their devotion and skill on that wonderful group of the stable at Bethlehem. The Christmas spirit was not confined solely to the churches, however, for gradually in the passing of time, the season was regarded as the most sacred in the home circle. Thus in all nations grew up the beautiful Christmas customs that have survived materialism and that we, borrowing from the old world, copy more or less successfully. In the earliest times of druid mistletoe, gathered in the gleaming moonlight, was consecrated to the purer religion, boughs of the sturdy holly with shining green and cheery scarlet berries were brought from the forests to make the home cheerful, the Christmas log was lighted on the ample hearth, the wine flowed freely; everywhere was the spirit of gaity and good cheer to welcome the Christmas morn. No picture of a vanished age is more inspiring than the picture of a feudal castle of the middle ages with lord and retainer gathered about the same table, with the toasts and the Christmas carols, with the holly, ivy and mistletoe, the blazing Christmas log, the midnight mass with its exultant "Gloria in Excelsis," and all the external manifestations of the Christmas spirit which have come down to us like a beautiful heritage of the centuries.

It may be that some of the religious significance of the time has gone, but Christmas has still a power to move us more than any festival of the year. Tonight, under the clear December skies, thousands will feel its charm without fully comprehending its meaning. Hundreds of little tots will steal to unquiet slumber, thinking of Santa Claus who will come down every chimney and leave treasures of wonderland. The Christmas tree glitters in the front room, a green wreath tied with a scarlet bow hangs in the front windows, happiness has temporarily brightened the darkest cot and outside is the glittering snow, bearing down the pine branches; over all are stars as bright as that which led the three wise men to the crib two thousand years ago. Like jewels in the chain of the years Christmas days lead our thoughts back to the fairyland of childhood and to ancient days that have gone with the snows of yesterday.

But, alas, there is a shadow over the Christmas of 1914, that will be felt in every Christian home on earth—the shadow of a world war. Nations that have pledged devotion to the God of Judea are at each others' throats on this glorious anniversary and there is no peace on earth. Yet, the spirit of Christ-like charity has gone abroad and from this nation and every great neutral nation help has gone out to the stricken ones of Belgium, of England, of France and of the other powers on whom the heavy hand of war has fallen. Those who have been stirred by the influence of Christ have striven to do the work of Christ and though shot and shell may take the place of Christmas music on many a battlefield and though blood may flow redder than the holly berries, the smoke of the conflict will pass, pride and materialism must fall as fell the pride of Rome, and after the weary centuries mankind will again listen to the message: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

THE "UNEMPLOYED"

The social agitators who, a few years ago, were so busy championing the cause of malcontents among any class of organized labor, seem to have transferred their attention and energies to a class called "the unemployed," under which general description is grouped many a misfit with whom unemployment is deliberate and chronic. The espousing of such a cause and the clever airing of it at strategical points in the populous parts of the country gives even more than the old opportunity for oratorical flights and incendiary appeals.

Last year New York was the spot selected for the airing of the wrongs of the unemployed. Now an attempt is being made in Boston. Without doubt there are quite a few genuine cases of unemployment in these cities, but equally certain is it that among the supporters of the notable disturbers such as Rev. Ronck White are many who will support anybody and anything that is contrary to established law and order. The vicious, the irresponsible and the emotional agitator may be depended on to cheer for extremists in the social order, no matter what the real issue may be. If all our people were aware of the real motives behind such agitation there would be no need for alarm, but, unfortunately, too many are ignorant of the intent of such movements and are led astray temporarily. Often a great deal of harm is done before the mask of hypocrisy is torn from the leaders of these disrupting movements.

Referring to the unemployed who owing to a variety of circumstances are out of work through no fault of their own, the Boston Herald made the suggestion recently that some city enterprises be timed to come at periods of business depression, so that those out of work could secure public employment. The plan is theoretically desirable, but might not work in practice, as the Herald admits in the following:

> If public affairs were conducted with wisdom, every period of great depression would be met by extensive operations of this kind, and, correspondingly, when general business was engrossing such enterprises would be held in abeyance. The trouble comes on that side of the account. The forces behind public improvement are just as insistent on expenditures in good times as in dull periods. And there is not money enough for the constant high pace.

Lowell can well appreciate the point of the closing sentences, for, while city employment would relieve the situation here at times of business depression, it is to be feared that politics and lack of finances would interfere. Yet in the suggestion is the germ of remedial activity resulting from fuller co-operation between our business leaders and our public officials.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

After hearing about the need for caution both on the part of auto drivers and the public, in season and out of season, for the past few years, the public would like to believe that there is consistent improvement, but statistics prove otherwise. Records for the past year show that in this state alone up to November, 229 persons were killed through the operation of motor vehicles and more than 4000 were injured. In all there were 7001 accidents. Auto owners who may have resented the constant agitation for greater safety will surely admit that it is both desirable and reasonable in view of this list of death and accident. That a change must come is apparent, whether it is to come by voluntary co-operation between auto drivers and the public or through more stringent laws.

Many of these accidents were no doubt due to some mechanical defect but the great majority of cases were laid at the door of the human element and were preventable. One does not have to scan over state figures or to compare statistics from year to year to understand the basic trouble. Experience in any community such as ours will reveal it. When, immediately after a fatal accident on a much traveled boulevard, resulting from overspeeding, we find drivers resorting to like recklessness, one may naturally wonder if wisdom is shown in the granting of licenses. If automobile accidents are to be cut down appreciably, greater care must be made in the granting of licenses and the laws governing speed must be made more stringent. Furthermore, the public must do its part by respecting the difficulties of the driver.

AS WAR RAGES,

While the private sympathies of many of our people lean to one side or to the other in the present war, a great many wish for its ending more than they wish for the triumph of any of the belligerents. There is little hope for early peace in late reports which indicate the greatest determination on both sides. The allies are determined to conquer Germany and on the other hand, it seems, Germany is determined to fight to the bitter end with all the resources at her command. When the finish will be or how it will come is difficult to determine as the resources of both sides are great and as their mutual spirit is unprecedented in the history of nations. The one discouraging thing for peace lovers is the speedy change in the character of the war news. Today the despatches tell of the triumph of one power; tomorrow it is the other. This indicates heavy fighting or tall lying and as the armies both in Belgium and along the French frontier and in Russia are strongly entrenched, the loss will be terrific before any decisive result is attained. No war in the world's history has shown such a reckless disregard for human life. Even the sacrifices of Napoleon pale into more of the nature of brilliant charges. In this war it is the endless, merciless grind day after day that is so discouraging to readers of the news. It is as though half the world has set out deliberately to obliterate the other half. The spirit of militarism that brought on the war must be stamped out before the world can hope for enduring peace.

GETTING POSTED

The Manchester Leader commends a delegation of the New Hampshire legislature which, before taking up a bill concerning a state institution went in a body to look the place over and to get the lay of the land. It may at first seem strange that the visit should elicit unusual mention, but it is nevertheless true that in many cases bills are taken up in a legislature which knows little and cares less about the real facts of the case. The viewpoint of the average legislator is sectional. He is swayed by the influence of his vote of the folks in his district and he sees the matter under discussion in a distorted light. If there was a more general desire among our legislators to get posted before going to the legislature, our laws would be more uniform and more to the public weal. The legislator who sees things only in the light of his own district and who looks upon politics as a game of give and take does not conduce to better conditions.

It seems too bad that we cannot have Christmas cheer without sacrificing so many beautiful young spruce trees annually. Any movement to eliminate them runs against a strong sentiment and yet if the people realized the loss to the nation, a substitute would be provided before long. The state and the federal authorities are striving to save the forests and to replant the waste places and here we have thousands of trees cut off for a moment's pleasure. Even as an economic question it is not wise to throw away so much prospective lumber for the insignificant return received from the sale of the trees.

The calling in of a policeman to stop a near riot at a meeting of the Cambridge common council last Tuesday evening recalls stirring memories of local politics in the days that were. May they be always memories, getting more ancient as the years advance.

From now on the days will grow longer and, according to the old almanac correspondingly colder. Thus far the weather has been of the old fashioned sort that our fathers enjoyed. If we don't enjoy it, the fault is with us, not with the weather.

Which would the kaiser prefer to find in his stocking tomorrow morning—an olive branch or a new type of submarine?

Sh-h-h! there's a step on the stairs.

Merry Christmas to all.

SEEN AND HEARD

A leaky mouth can cause more damage than a leaky roof.

Most of us would rather lend a helping foot than a helping hand.

A financier announces that millionaires seldom carry money in their pockets. Glad to know they're in our class.

A western man has invented a new religion that has only five commandments. Well, he'll have as hard a time living up to his five as we have living up to our ten.

We are a lot of humbugs. We indignate about the small wages paid the girl who makes a shirtwaist and we deplore the small wages paid the girl behind the counter who sells the shirtwaist. But if the girl got more for making the waist, and the girl got more for selling the waist, and, as a natural result, we were asked to pay more for the waist, we would holler murder.

GOING THE LIMIT

Grubbs—Have you done your Christmas shopping early?

Stubbs—Yes I let I have. And late. And long. And expensive. And disastrously to my pocketbook. In fact I have followed every rule and am going to be happy next Friday if it bankrupts me.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

WANTED STRONG ONES

"I would like twenty-five good cigars for my husband," said a young wife to the tobacconist while on her Christmas shopping tour.

"Yes, madam; how would you like them—strong or"—asked the dealer.

"Oh strong! Very strong," replied the young wife. "The last he had all broke in his waistcoat pocket."

JUST LIKE AN OFFICER

A good story is being told by Lord Lovat, head of the famous Lovat Scouts, who is to command the Highland Mounted Brigade with the allies on the continent. A very much ruffled private was under arrest for some offense, and Lord Lovat inquired of the sergeant as to what his offense was.

"He's a very troublesome fellow, sir," replied the sergeant. "Got too much lip, goes out without leave, comes back when he likes, and gets drunk when he likes—just as if he was an officer."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

THE NECESSARY GLASS

"Yes, my friend," exclaimed the lecturer, "there are many excuses for the glass. The sick man says he must have his glass to make him well. The shivering taxman must have his glass to make him warm. The sweating mechanic must have his glass to make him cool.

"But they lie, friends. Don't believe the workman who says he can't work without his glass. I defy anybody to mention to me a workman who cannot work as well and better without his glass as with it."

A voice in the back of the hall made itself audible:

"I'll tell yer one!"

"I defy you to do so," said the lecturer. Then the voice observed:

"The glazier can't do without his glass."

The lecturer continued his oration at a decided disadvantage.—London Tit-Bits.

THE MOON AND TIMBER

It may be asked in all seriousness how much longer the superstition will live which ascribes to the moon an influence over timber? This unscientific and unprovable claim has long held a place in the backwoods, where people were prone to accept the teachings of tradition without much concern about cause and effect; but it is rather late in the day now for educated people to attribute to the dead, inert moon an influence on vegetation.

If there is anything certain it is that the moon has no observable effect on the flow of a tree's sap or on the characters and qualities of the wood. It can be argued scientifically that it cannot have, and it has been demonstrated in practice that it does not have such effect. Apparently there is some mistake in the statement that the felling is done by moonlight, or with regard to any phase of the moon. Accounts of modern mahogany-logging operations in America and Africa do not mention that custom. In some of the tropical regions hauling logs from the woods is done at night because the heat by day cannot be endured by the men and teams.—Hardwood Record.

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

(Words and Music by His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell)

I.

Hark the sound of angel voices
Breaks the silence of the night.
Lo the heav'nly host rejoices
Mid a flood of radiant light.
And the shepherds gaze in wonder,
As they hear the angels sing:
"Glory, glory in the highest,
Glory to our new-born King."

Chorus

Let the heav'ns and earth adore
Christ the Lord for He is King forevermore.

II.

So the shepherds hear the story
Of Emanuel's wondrous birth,
And they haste to pay their homage
To the King of heaven and earth.
And at Bethlehem's manger kneeling
In the light of faith they see
God's own Son His pow'r concealing
In the direst poverty.

III.

And the maiden mother holy
Bids them to her Babe draw near
For she knows the poor and lowly
To His heart divine are near.
So they gather round the manger
And their hearts with glad accord
Offer Him their loyal homage
And proclaim Him Christ the Lord.

IV.

Come, then, Christians, let us gather
With the shepherds and adore
Let us give Him our devotion
And our love forevermore.
For the Son of God, our Saviour
Asks us only for our love,
And the Child divine shall lead us
To our home in heav'n above.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

MONROE DOCTRINE

The assurances from Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier that Canada does not depend on the Monroe Doctrine for protection were hardly necessary. Everybody knows that Canada is a part of the British empire and naturally looks to the empire for whatever protection it may require. The Monroe Doctrine was designed for the protection of the North and South American republics from European aggression, and has served its purpose well. If, however, Canada should at any time sever its connection with the British empire and set up an independent government it is not to be doubted that it would be glad to place itself under the same general protection now enjoyed by our sister republics in this hemisphere.—Springfield Union.

ABOUT ADVERTISING

All advertising helps a business, but not all advertising is equally profitable. If once in a while a merchant inserts a business notice that does not seem to give the returns it should, may this newspaper make a suggestion:

That is, that the advertiser, instead of deciding off-hand that advertising does not pay, should come to the newspaper office, or sent for the newspaper man to come and see him, and together that they should study the disappointing insertion.

Every newspaper man is something of an advertising specialist. He has seen many kinds of advertising tricks tried out. He has his own theories, which may or may not be sound, but they are based on very considerable experience.—Manchester Mirror.

NEGLECT OF VOTING

Meanwhile, if reluctance on the part of the women of Massachusetts to avail themselves of the limited privilege of voting for school committee is to be accepted as an argument for withholding the full franchise, what shall be said of a goodly proportion of the male voters who are notorious for their abstention from voting, either at the primaries or elections? There are thousands of men who constantly absent themselves from the polls, while others vote only intermittently. What makes this showing the more striking is the widespread belief that in the overwhelming proportion of cases, rank indifference or laziness is responsible.—Salem News.

SILENT ROSES

The hooded rose bushes on the lawn look like veiled prophets who won't prophesy, but who keep up a terrible thinking inside their canvas shelter. Plainly they know more than they are ready to tell. They don't given to everybody to probe the secrets of winter and yet be high in the councils of summer when the halcyon days come.—Lewiston Sun.

THE THAW CASE

We haven't heard the end of the case of Harry Thaw by any means although by a decision of the supreme court he must go back to New York state to stand trial for conspiracy to escape from Matteawan prison. That trial would surely prove highly interesting because if Thaw is insane he could not be guilty of conspiracy of any kind. If he is proven guilty of conspiracy he is also proven a sane man. If he is sane he cannot be locked up in an insane asylum.—Holyoke Transcript.

THE THAW CASE

Fugitive's Lawyers May be Prosecuted for Conspiracy

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas Carmody, who retired from office as attorney-general of the state on Sept. 1 last, will discuss the Thaw case in the annual report of the attorney-general to be submitted to the legislature next month. During the four years of his administration Mr. Carmody resisted the efforts made to obtain the release of Thaw. He all along contended that the efforts made by Thaw's attorneys to prevent New York state from having the slayer of Stanford White returned here were illegal.

Mr. Carmody in his report to the legislature will say in part:

"There can be no longer any legal resistance to the demands of the state of New York for the return of Thaw to its custody. The United States supreme court has decided that there is no question involved in the extradition of Thaw that can be referred for determination to the courts. Any further attempt of Thaw to defeat justice in this case, or to resist the demands of the state of New York is a defiance to the decision of the United States supreme court.

"There is a point in legal matters beyond which lawyers cannot safely go. That point has been reached in Thaw's case. There is such a thing as lawyers being guilty of criminal conspiracy to defeat justice. That point will be passed should any further attempts be made to defy the plain mandate of the law as interpreted by the United States supreme court. It will be the duty of the state of New York to see that any conspiracy to defeat justice by defying this decision of the supreme court shall be treated as it deserves as a criminal conspiracy against law and government and that all parties involved in it, whether lawyers or laymen, shall be brought to the bar of justice, to answer for such unjustifiable conduct."

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KEMPTON IN LEAD

Holds an Average of 103.13 in City League —White Ways on Top

Kempton has jumped into the lead of ne individual bowlers in the City eague, Myrick being displaced for the rst time this season. Kempton now tands out in front with the enviable verage of 103.13, with Myrick second, oncannon third and Martel fourth. en rollers in this circuit are now hating the sticks for 100 or better.

The White Ways are still at the top n the race for team honors. Mike riscoll's Pets have won 28 points and ost but 8. In total pinfall, however, ne Crescents lead the White Ways by early a hundred pins. The averages re as follows:

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

	Won	Lost	P'fl
'hite Ways	28	8	13,382
rescents	24	12	13,478
owlaways	19	17	12,957
ittredges	17	19	13,181
arrs	16	20	13,016
es Miserables	15	21	12,830
unswicks	14	22	12,650
. M. C. I.	10	26	12,633

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Kempton 103.13, Myrick 102.22, Consnnon 102.22, Martel 102.11, Lebrun 01.17, Curry 101.3, Mosher 101.3, Notel 00.10, Marquis 100.8, Walsh 100, Kelley 9.19, McQuade 99.17, Chabott 99.2, Hall 9.1, Devlin 99, Jewett 99, Flanders 8.9, O'Brien 97.23, Wynne 97.18, Kitredge 97.7, Noonan 97.6, Martin 97.3, eDermott 97.1, G. Clark 96.14, McCorack 96.10, Cole 96.7, Johnson 96.2, indle 95.26, J. Buckley 95.13, Burns .13, Perrin 95.9, Mahan 95.1, Lees .16, Kennedy 94.8, Beauregard 94.8, oban 94.5, Mullin 93.18, Bernardini .14, Sullivan 93.11, Dickey 93.5, Richdson 93.1, Allan 92.11, Gromes 92.19, doin 92.6, Marren 92.5, G. Buckley .1, Brennan 92.3, Brooks 91.11, Griffin .4, Gilligan 91.3, Gendron 91.2, Dyer .1, O'Day 91, Hayden 90.1.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

KEITH'S BEATEN

Old Timers Won Match With Theatre Rollers —Cullen's Pets Won

Cullen's Pets were too strong for the leacheries last night in their Concord ague match, taking the first two rings and the total. Kirane of the inners was high man.

Keith's Theatre entered the bowling rena against the Old Time Operators nd received a jolt at their hands when he old-timers rolled a total of 1411. he Keith teams was badly outclassed, lling far below its usual marks. The owling of Treasurer Jimmy Mahoney as the feature. Hoban, with 342, was gh man. The scores:

BLEACHERIES—McIntire 244, Fox 5, Johnson 227, Finnegan 266, Kirane 8; totals 1213.

CULLEN'S PETS—J. Burns 267, Snow 8, Reynolds 247, Clancy 239, Kirane 3; totals 1269.

KEITHS—Devlin 250, Mahoney 242, Guthrie 243, Chase 254, R. Guthrie 6; totals 1245.

OLD TIME OPERATORS—Gray 276, ilson 247, Ellis 238, Spillane 308, Hoan 342; totals 1411.

Christmas eve, some time, Associate, e Brownies will be there.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Court General Shields, Foresters of merica, met last evening and elect- the following officers:

C. R., John Hanley; S. C. R., Patrick oarke; F. S., James H. Cox; treaser, John McDonough; R. S., William Bowles; S. W., Patrick Carty; J. ., John Dailey; S. B., Owen Morris; D., James E. Lang; lecturer, John McGauli; trustee for three years, atrick Boddy; physician, Dr. William Collins. The trustees were authored to purchase an emblem of the orer for C. R. Hugh Finnerty who has erved for two years as the chief nger of the court.

cho Lodge, N. E. O. P.

Following the regular business seson of Echo lodge, N. E. O. P., last ening, the annual election of offirs was held with the following reilt:

Warden, Mrs. Carolina J. W. Mountin; vice warden, Oswald J. Berrand, financial secretary, Margaret B. cLaren; treasurer, Richard A. Curn; secretary, Katherine L. Curtin; haplain, John J. Riley; guide, Thos. rost; guardian, Charles Connors; sennel, Everett Mountain; pianist, Miss arrie L. Mountain; representative to e grand lodge, Mary E. Curtin and largaret B. McLaren; alternates, Thos. rost and Katherine L. Curtin; J. P. ., Mary E. Curtin.

oyal Excelsior Lodge

Loyal Excelsior lodge held a largely ttended meeting Monday evening in ost 120 hall, Merrimack street. The egular routine business was transacted and the entertainment committee eported great success on the last tea arty conducted by the lodge, for the enefit of Brother Kite, who has been l for a long while. The members are lso taking great interest in the new egree staff. The following officers ere elected for the ensuing term: Noble grand, John Crossley; grand maser, Francis Carmen; vice grand, homas H. Holden; elective secretary, red Swindles; permanent secretary, dward Hanson; treasurer, Andrew Iowatt; chaplain, William Pomfort; varden, George Camp; lodge surgeon, Dr. Sweetsir; pianist, Lyle Sewell; elegates to the district convention, eorge W. Ensley and Benjamin Ingam. The lodge is in a flourishing conition and it is hoped that the memers will keep up the good work.

XMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Continued

Magnificat ....Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris ....Gregorian
Ave Verum ....Gounod
Adeste Fideles
Tantum Ergo ....Minard
"Holy God We Praise Thy Name,"
Organ Prelude, "Marche Militaire," Gounod

The solos in the mass and at vespers will be sustained by Miss Catharine V. Hennessey, soprano; Miss Etta Hennessey, contralto; Mr. Cornelius F. Calnan, tenor; Mr. Frank P. McCarty, basso. John F. McGlinchy, organist.

Masses at St. Margaret's on Christmas day, at 6, 7.30, 9, 10.45.

ST. COLUMBA'S

High Mass at 11 o'Clock

Processional ....E. A. Battiste
Kyrie .... Kumin
Gloria .... Kumin
Credo .... Kumin
Offertory:
Adeste Fideles,
Misses Frances Tighe, Margaret Flanagan, Catherine Kinnon and Chas. McQuillan
Sanctus ....Kumin
Benedictus ....Kumin
Agnus Dei ....Kumin
Recessional ....E. A. Battiste

Vespers at 7.30 p. m.

Gregorian psalms
Hymn, O Holy Night,
Miss Frances Tighe
Adeste Fideles
O Salutaris ....Werner
Tantum Ergo ....Werner
Holy God
Choir.
Recessional ....E. A. Battiste
Miss Catherine Wholey organist and choir director.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Solemn high mass 10.30 a. m.
March of the Magi.....Th. Dubois
Hymn, Ca Bergers,
Miss E. Gagnon
Puer Natus Es..............Gregorian
Mass of J. N. Kalliwoda
Soloists: Mrs. J. B. Jacques, Miss A. Ferron, Miss Rose Lussier, Miss Rose Lacouture, Miss Stella Latour, Miss A. Bonin, Miss E. Benoit, Mrs. Telesphore Malo, Messrs. L. J. Z. Robillard, E. C. Gauvin, Arthur Giroux, Arthur Leveille, Achille Levallee, T. H. Brassard, Alfred Ducharme, Henri Weibrenner and Telesphore Malo.
Graduale, Viderunt Omnes ..Gregorian
Offertory:
Pastorale ....M. A. Melvil
Misses Rose Lussier and Stella Latour supported by the choir.
Communion, Viderunt Omnes, Gregorian
Recessional, Noel ....Jules Grison

Solemn Vespers at 6.30 p. m.

Organ, Noel Chant du Roi Rene, A. Guilmant
Harmonized psalms
Soloists: Misses Stella Latour, Rose Lacouture, Rose Lussier, Messrs. T. H. Brassard, Alfred Ducharme, E. J. Larochelle.
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor Omnium Gregorian
Magnificat,
Choir.
Alma Redemptoris ....Novello
O Salutaris .... Rueter
Miss Alice Bonin
Ave Maria ....Bagioli
Misses Rose Lussier and Stella Latour
Tantum Ergo .... Geeb
Laudate .... Stearns
Recessional
Chorus Magnus ....Th. Dubois
Telesphore Malo, choirmaster; Mrs. M. A. Bernard, organist.

ST. LOUIS

Solemn High Mass, 9.30 A. M.
Processional—Organ and orchestra
Introit
Puer Natus Es .... Capoci
Willard's revised mass.
Soloists: Misses Clemence Simard, Alice Pratte and Bernadette Fontaine; Mesdames Eugene Soulard and O. J. David; Messrs. Ernest J. Dupont, Ugele Favreau, Adolphe Bouchard, W. P. Caisse, Sr., Etienne Bernier.
Offertory
Pastorale .... Lambillotte
Miss Clemence Simard supported by the choir.
Recessional.
Organ and Orchestra

Solemn Vespers, 6. 30 P. M.

Dominus, Confitebor, Beatus Vir, De Profundis, Memonto Domine, Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris,
Miss Bernadette Fontaine
O Salutaris,
Miss Clemence Simard
Ave Maria,
Miss Alice Pratte
Tantum Ergo,
O. J. David
Laudate .... Stearns
Choir
Miss Ida Mongrain, organist; Albini Foisy, orchestra conductor; O. J. David, choirmaster.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

Solemn High Mass 6.30 a. m.
Asperges Me..............Gregorian
Introit, Puer Natus Est
Kyrie .... Kalliwoda
Soprano solo,
Christe Eleison,
Miss Blanche Levesque
Gloria ....Kalliwoda
Tenor solo, Gratias Agimus,
Mr. Edward Gaudette
Graduale, Viderunt Omnes...Gregorian
Alleluia
Sermon by Rev. Walter Plaisance, O. M. I., D. D., of Tewksbury
Credo .... Kalliwoda
Tenor solo, Et Incarnatus,
Mr. E. F. Gregoire
Offertory:
Quem Vidistis Pastores....B. Hammon
Sanctus .... Kalliwoda
Agnus Dei ....Kalliwoda
Agnus Dei, soprano solo,
Miss Irene Parthenais
Communion, Viderunt...... Gregorian

Vespers 6.30 p. m.

Psalms .... Gregorian
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor.....Gregorian
Magnificat .... Perreault
Anthem, Alma Redemptoris,Gregorian
Benediction:
Ave Verum ....Gounod
Tantum Ergo............Jules Grison
Miss Bella Lavigne organist, assisted by Lavigueur's orchestra.
H. A. Racicot, Director.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Miss Agnes Collins, organist of St. Andrew's church has prepared the following program for the 8 o'clock mass Christmas day:
Offertoire in A flat (organ).......Read
Miss Collins
"Angels We Have Heard on High," (trio) ....Basil
Lillian Barton, Agnes Hennessey, Mrs. Foley
"Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices," Basil
Choir
"Adeste Fideles" trio ....Basil
Lillian Barton, Agnes Hennessey, Mrs. Foley
Christmas Pastorale, (organ) Dinelli
Miss Collins
"March of the Magi," from the cantata "Star of Bethlehem." ....Harker
Miss Collins

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Masses every hour from 5.30 to 11 a. m.
Pontifical mass at 11 by the Right Rev. Bishop da Silva.
Processional, "Adeste Fideles," Portuguese
Introitus ....Trozer
Kyrie ....Korman
Gloria ....Korman
Graduale ....Tozer
Credo ....Korman
Offertorium ....Tozer
Motet, "Nato nobis" D. Van Reyschoot
Sanctus ....Korman
Benedictus ....Korman
Agnus Dei ....Korman
Communio ....Tozer
Recessional
Evening Service, 7, Pontifical Vespers
Dixit Dominus ....Fiske
Confitebor ....Fiske
Beatus Vir ....Fiske
De Profundis ....Fiske
Memento, Domine ....Fiske
Jesu Redemptor and Magnificat, Fiske
Benediction

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—NO. CHELMSFORD

High Mass at 9.30 A. M.
Mass of the Guardian Angels..McEvoy
Processional
Meditation—Organ .... Morrison
Violin obligato,
Ruth M. Ward
Introit
Adoremus .... Turner
Choir
Kyrie .... McEvoy
Gloria .... McEvoy
Credo .... McEvoy
Choir
Et In Carnatus .... McEvoy
Clara McCoy
Offertory—
Nato Nobis Salvatore Van Reysschoot
Walter Mack
Sanctus .... McEvoy
Benedictus .... McEvoy
Choir
Agnus Dei .... McEvoy
John Green
Communion—
Adeste Fideles,
Training School Boys
Recessional hymn—
Angels Heard on High,
Choir
Schiller—March .... G. Meyerbeer
Organ
Soloists: Clara McCoy, soprano; Walter Mack, tenor; John McQuade, baritone; John Green, bass; Gertrude M. Quigley, organist.

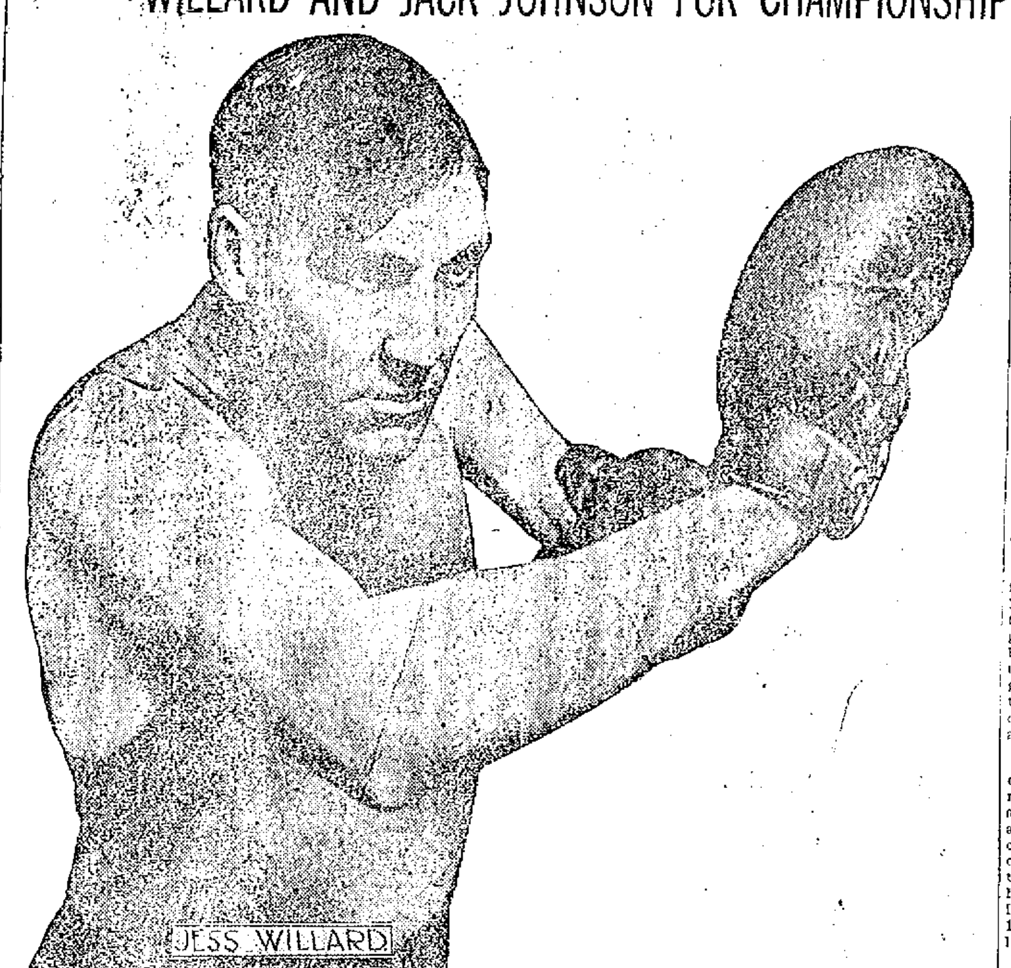
ST. ANNE'S, EPISCOPAL

Holy communion at 7.30 with music by the Guild of St. Cecelia.
Prelude To a Wild Rose....MacDowell
Processional, Angels from the Realms of Glory ....Reade
Communion service in E flat
Hymn, Christmas Awake
Offertory, Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming .... Praetorius
Recessional, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Postlude, Praise the Lord, Oh My Soul, Karg-Elert
Holy communion at 10.30 with music by the vested choir of men and boys (35 voices.)
Prelude, March of the Magi Kings, Dubois
Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful,
Introit, (Christmas Oratorio) ....Bach
Break Forth! O Beauteous Night,
Responses to the Commandments in F, Tours
Gloria Tibi in D flat...........Gounod
Hymn, O Little Town of Bethlehem,
Offertory .... West
O Come! Redeemer of Mankind,
Sanctus in F, (St. Cecelia Mass) Gounod
Communion hymn, Calm on the Listening Ear.
Gloria in Excelsis ....Old Chant
Recessional, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Postlude, Marche de Fete........Busser
Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Charles F. Brown.

ST. JOHN'S, EPISCOPAL

Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful, Reading
Kyrie .... Ancient
Sanctus .... Taylor
Hymn, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear .... Dykes
Gloria Tibi .... Woodward
Hymn, Bread of the World, ...Hodges
Offertory, There Were Shepherds, Alfred R. Gaul
Processional, Angels from the Realms of Glory ....H. Smart

AGREEMENT FOR COMING BOUT BETWEEN JESSE WILLARD AND JACK JOHNSON FOR CHAMPIONSHIP



JESS WILLARD

There seems to be but little doubt now in the minds of the boxing fans but what Jack Johnson, still champion of the world in spite of aught that may be said to the contrary, and Jess Willard, the best of the present crop of white hopes, will meet in a championship battle next spring, probably in March.

The articles of agreement have been signed by Johnson and in accordance with them he has posted $5000 with a New York sporting man as a guarantee of good faith. Willard has done likewise, but a hitch was expected in getting the big negro to post a forfeit.

Now that California has adopted a no-boxing law the Johnson-Willard bout cannot possibly be pulled off in the golden state. Mexico or Cuba are the places most often mentioned as the scene of the next bona fide world championship bout with the tendency leaning toward Mexico. The battle will probably be one of 45 rounds unless outside interference shortens it to 20 sessions.

Although Willard never boxed here in Lowell several local sporting men made the trip to New Haven last winter when the big Texan climbed into the ring in the Connecticut city.

The articles of agreement which Jack Johnson signed and like copy of which Willard has affixed his signature to are as follows:

Whereby it is agreed as follows:

1—The said Jack Johnson agrees with the said Jack Curley to engage in a boxing contest according to Marquis of Queensbury rules, with five-ounce gloves, with one Jess Willard of America. The said contest to be scheduled for from 20 rounds to 45 rounds at the direction and discretion of the said Jack Curley.

2—The party hereto of the second part to be allowed to wear soft bandages on his hands, if he so desires.

3—The party hereto of the first part agrees to promote said contest and to pay the party hereto of second part for his services the sum of $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) in American legal tender. And further agrees to pay him one-half of the net amount received from the moving pictures to be taken of the contest.

4—The party hereto of the first part agrees to select the location for the contest not later than Feb. 1, 1915, and to notify the party of the second part in writing or by cable, care American Express company, London, unless otherwise requested by the said Jack Johnson.

5—The party hereto of the first part agrees to hold the contest between March 15 and March 30, 1915, and to notify the party hereto of the second part the exact date not less than one lunar month before the match.

6—The party hereto of the first part agrees to pay the party thereto of the second part one thousand dollars expense money, on demand, through the American Express company, London, any time after the signing of the agreement. The said Jack Curley agrees to pay the said Jack Johnson or to his order the above mentioned $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for his services before he goes to the ring.

7—The referee shall be mutually agreed upon between the two above mentioned parties and Jess Willard, or his authorized representative, at least two weeks before the contest.

The party hereto of the second part agrees not to engage in any boxing contest before the fulfilment of this agreement without the consent in writing of the said Jack Johnson.

8—It is hereby agreed upon that both contestants shall year a cup to protect themselves from fouls.

9—It is hereby agreed that the said Jack Johnson and Jess Willard, the contestants, must be open for public training, and to admit thereto all authorized newspaper representatives, and to undergo a medical examination on the request of the said Jack Curley once a week for the four weeks immediately preceding the contest.

10—Each party thereto agrees to deposit within 14 days from the date hereof a sum of $5000 (five thousand dollars) with Robert C. Vernon of New York city.

11—It is hereby mutually agreed between the parties hereto that in case any dispute or difference shall arise with reference to this agreement, said dispute or difference shall be referred to the said Robert C. Vernon as arbitrator, and both parties agree that they will accept any award made by him with reference to the deposit money as final.

ATHLETES AND ATHLETICS

Connie Mack is banking upon Bill Kopf to fill the place left vacant by the sale of Eddie Collins to the White Sox. The Athletic manager at any rate has often made the assertion that Kopf was as classy an infielder as the American league boasted. Kopf played with Fall River in the New England league one season. At that time and later when he was picked up by the Naps, Kopf played under the name of Brady.

Louis Pieper seems to be up against it for a catcher next season. The former Lawrence manager will be obliged to land a backstop before he can go very far with his Lynn club. However, he has several players down on the seashore whom he should be able to exchange for a first class mitt wearer.

Frank Cavanaugh has refused to sign up with the Dartmouth football team for another three-year term at the same salary he received during the past three seasons. The head coach of the Hanover institution will probably get his price in the end although the athletic council are rather loath to pay it. Cavanaugh, it is said, has asked for $6000. The alumni are determined to bring him back at any price.

Eddie Miller, one of the greatest infielders who ever cavorted about the New England league diamond, is mentioned as one of the players who may go to the Yankees in the pending Browns-New York deal. Miller was used as a utility man last season and gave evidence of everything but a throwing arm. If Eddie was not muscle bound he wouldn't be holding down a utility berth.

Al Gutterson, the best broad jumper ever produced in America, has announced his intention of reentering athletics. Gutterson, as well as being a wonderful distance leaper, is also a crack low hurdler. He will probably compete for the B. A. A. On his first trial at the Olympic games in Stockholm Gutterson cleared 24 feet 11¼ inches. The world's record is 24 feet 11¾, made by Peter O'Connor of Ireland.

Hans Lobert, the third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals last season must want a ball park and franchise for his services another year. Lobert could not come to terms with the Phillies and then the Feds sought him out. Now President Gilmore of the outlaws is all but discouraged over the prospects of landing this player, while Johnny McGraw wore out what patience he possesses (which by common report isn't much) in an attempt to land him for O. B. Lobert will probably come to his senses soon enough if the various clubs keep away from him.

Buck Weaver led the Lowell pitchers last season with six wins and four defeats for percentage of .600. Ring's work on the mound, however, was the most noteworthy of the local pitchers. Jimmy won 17 out of 31 games. Lohman was a big disappointment in the pitching department for he did not come up to an even break. The Texan won only 17 games and lost 18.

The American and National All-Star team has returned to the states from Honolulu. The trip this year was a great financial success. Before leaving the island each player who made the trip was given a check for $1500. The team will play a few more games in southern California and New Mexico before disbanding.

Conover, the St. Paul school centre, is regarded as one of the country's greatest hockey players. The Concord, N. H., star played a whirlwind game against Yale in the St. Nicholas rink the other night and the New York critics picked him as the most active man on the ice. St. Paul usually boasts an exceptionally good hockey seven.

Pete Wacob may not be back in the local baseball fold when next season comes around. In a letter to the Sun's sporting writer Pete complained of the climate and also of the long trip before and after the season. Although Wacob was not in shape until the season was half over his work during the latter part of the baseball year showed him to be a sterling performer.

Gunboat Smith seems to have caved in any white hope's chances. His decisive walloping of Tom McCarthy last night would indicate that the latter is more or less of a newspaper champion. According to some of the stories we heard from New York way one would have thought that the Gunboat was due to be sunk in a few short rounds. Instead of that, however, Smith clipped McCarthy at will and floored him so often that the stunt became monotonous. The bout was stopped in the fourth session owing to McCarthy's weak condition.

The Penn football committee has adopted Harvard's system of coaching in so far as Coach Haughton can be imitated. Next season the coach and captain of the Red and Blue eleven will not have entire control of the football policy. At Harvard, although a board has the power to control, Percy Haughton's ideas go through without a murmur. Perhaps if Brook's team is returned a winner he, too, will be accorded full control.

Jack Johnson has shifted his base of operations to Buenos Ayres, Argentine. The huge negro intends to give exhibitions in the South American republic while getting in condition for his bout with Jess Willard. John now says that Paris is too dull for him and that he will probably make his home in Buenos Ayres.

Walter Johnson has returned the $6000 given him by Charles Weeghman as a bonus for signing a Fed contract and is now simply waiting to discover what the courts will do with his case. It begins to look as though the great pitcher simply used the outlaws as a lever to pry the Washington club loose from a few thousands more salary.

OPERA HOUSE YIELDS

DATES ENGAGED BY LOWELL CHORAL SOCIETY WILL STAND UNCHANGED

The controversy between the Lowell Choral society and the management of the Lowell Opera House was settled yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the license commission, the theatre proprietors agreeing to allow the choral society the use of the Opera House on Jan. 26 and May 11, the dates first asked for, at a figure of $150 per night.

The hearing was opened shortly before 4 o'clock with John L. Shea of the Great Eastern Amusement Co., Manager Hill of the Opera House and a legal representative of Julius Cahn present. Chairman Mullaney did not believe it advisable to go on with the evidence and questioned the Opera House representatives relative to the plans of the theatre.

Mr. Shea told the commission that the matter of renting the Opera House to the Choral society had never been mentioned to him before, but if an agreement was made with Julius Cahn it must be followed out. Mr. Cahn's representative asked that the hearing be continued until he could investigate the matter further, but this was not agreeable to the board.

After a discussion of several minutes, President A. C. Spaulding of the Choral society, John L. Shea and Mr. Cahn's representative held a private conference and then assured the board that the Lowell society would have the use of the hall on the dates originally agreed upon for the prices stated by Mr. Cahn last summer.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

OTTAWA ATHLETES HERE

The members of the Ottawa University hockey team headed by Rev. William Stanton, O. M. I., athletic instructor at the university attended mass at the Immaculate Conception church this morning. The team will play Dartmouth at the arena in Boston tomorrow night.

Hockey is the great national sport in Canada, and the attendances at the games rival the crowds that follow baseball in this country. The team that will match its skill against the Dartmouth athletes tomorrow night is said to be the fastest team ever turned out and Captain Nagle is confident of victory. Last year the Canadian aggregation beat Harvard and other big college teams.

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FIRE IN BOX CAR

A brisk fire in an empty box car on the Boston & Maine railroad tracks, near the roundhouse, caused an alarm from box 31 shortly before 5.30 o'clock last evening. The car had been used to transport potatoes and had a small woodstove in it. It is believed that persons entered the car and in an endeavor to start a fire in the stove, set fire to the floor of the car. The firemen had no trouble in extinguishing the blaze.

Members of the Westford street fire station were called to the home of Dr. Marshall L. Alling, 617 Westford street, at 5.27 o'clock, where a slight chimney fire was in progress. No damage.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE

The management of the Opera House offers as a special Christmas attraction, beginning today, five of the strongest acts ever presented at popular prices, including 24 clever entertainers, in addition to the usual pictures and the photoplay. Each act on the vaudeville bill may be classed as a headliner.

"Fun in Poppyland" is an up-to-date musical comedy presented by a company of 11 people, eight pretty singing girls and three clever comedians. It is staged with elaborate scenery, customs and electrical and mechanical effects. "The Eight Melody Boys," a double-quartet of singers and dancers are one of the cleverest aggregations of entertainers ever playing in this city. Don't miss Milo? The Mysterious One. See the act and decide for yourself. Milo's act has been a tremendous surprise and a big hit wherever it has been presented. Italia and company offer a very entertaining comedy sketch. Then there's Sam Barber, known as "The coon with the educated feet." While not shuffling his pedal extremities Sam entertains with lively patter and song.

The photoplay offered, "The Terrors of the Coast," is a particularly strong tragedy of the North sea, so prominently before the public at the present time as the scene of Europe's naval warfare.

The Christmas performances will begin at 2 and 7.15, and each program runs exactly three hours, including the pictures. There are 1600 comfortable seats in the Opera House, and the prices will not change despite the usually strong and expensive holiday bill offered.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The new management of the Academy of Music has installed two new projecting machines which are pronounced to be the last word in picture projection. At this pleasure place may be seen the popular Paramount pictures and the Warner pictures. The policy of the new management is to show only those pictures which have never been seen in the city previous to their projection on the curtain of the Academy. Catering especially to ladies and children is also the aim of the new managers. In the future Amateur night will be observed on Tuesday night.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The best vaudeville bill presented locally in many months is that on parade at the B. F. Keith theatre this week. For balance and for pure entertainment it stands out apart. Headlined is Joe Cook, known as "the one-man show of vaudeville," who lightly travesties all of the variety acts we are accustomed to see. Cook picks up a suggestion from an act very quickly and everything he does is suggestive of scores of acts we have seen many times. Harry Adler and Anna Arline, in "The New Idea," have struck something which is quite different from the ordinary run of funny acts. Incidentally, Adler is one of the most proficient imitators who have visited us. The dancing by McMahon, Diamond & Chaplow is wonderfully good, and the scarecrow stunt is of very high class. Smith, Cook & Brandon offer a superior brand of fun and dancing, and the Four Melodious Chaps play on two pianos, sing and caper about. The parrots of Mlle. Tuttle are very highly trained, while the foot juggling of the Tayo troupe is splendid. The Hearst-Selig News Pictorial holds many new pictures. Good seats may be obtained at the box office in advance. Phone 28.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Owing to the fact that The Sun will suspend publication of all editions tomorrow the members of the Merrimack Square Theatre company take this opportunity of wishing their many friends and admirers not only a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, but the merriest of them all. And just to prove their wish is sincere they are appearing in the liveliest and merriest of all comedies "The Blue Mouse," as their Christmas attraction and one but has to witness it to have a smile painted on his or her countenance which will last for weeks to come. There are still many good seats for both performances to be given tomorrow and special attention is called to the time of starting the matinee which will be at 2.30 for the convenience of patrons. The evening performance will begin as usual at 8 o'clock and the same prices will prevail: 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

HERO OF "PERILS OF PAULINE"

The method now used of advertising prominent stars in motion pictures makes it rather difficult when any of these stars is to appear in person to convey this idea to the public. Even well known dramatic stars when touring the country in person after being featured in some famous photoplay, find it almost impossible to disassociate themselves from the picture, and satisfy the public that they are really coming in the flesh. Since the first announcement of the personal appearance here of Mr. Crane Wilbur, the noted film star, and hero of the great Serial picture, "The Perils of Pauline," there has been no end of discussion as to whether he would be presented in some picture, or would actually appear in the flesh. Because of his enormous salary, which compares with that of the president of the United States, many have contended that he was entirely too expensive to be presented in person in any but the biggest metropolitan cities. But the large army of local picture fans need have no further doubt as to whether Mr. Wilbur is coming himself. His management makes the positive assurance that he will come in the flesh and this assurance is backed up by the personal word of Mr. Wilbur himself. With a company of artists which he has himself carefully selected, he will appear at the Merrimack Square theatre on Sunday matinee and evening, December 27. The time of his arrival in town will be announced in ample time to permit the skeptical ones to meet him at the train and be absolutely convinced that it is Mr. Crane Wilbur in the flesh, and not Mr. Crane Wilbur on the screen. Prices 10, 15 and 25 and a few at 50 cents. Seats now.

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN?
Big Showing TOYS The Latest Kinds
MECHANICAL NOVELTIES
SKATES. SLEDS WAGONS GAMES AUTOMOBILES VELOCIPEDES TRICYCLES
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Sunday, December 27
Matinee and Night
POSITIVE APPEARANCE OF
CRANE WILBUR
(Himself)
HERO OF A THOUSAND PHOTO-PLAYS AND THE GREAT SERIAL
"PERILS OF PAULINE"
You have all seen him on the screen. Now come and see him on the stage.
THE ENTIRE PROGRAM WILL BE FURNISHED BY MR. WILBUR AND HIS COMPANY
People's Prices—10c, 15c, 25c. A Few Seats at 50c.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC
We will run continuous Christmas, Saturday and Sunday, from 1.30 to 10.30.
Today, Friday and Saturday Daniel Frohman's Co. in "The Scales of Justice," and other features.
Sunday, James A. Hearn's "Hearts of Oak," in five reels. Amateurs on Tuesday nights hereafter. Prices 5 and 10 cents only.

Lowell Opera House
Where Everybody Goes
BIG CHRISTMAS BILL
MILO, The Mysterious One
FUN IN POPPYLAND
11 people in musical comedy, special scenery and effects.
THE EIGHT MELODY BOYS
Singers and Dancers
ITALIA AND CO.
In clever comedy sketch.
SAM BARBER
The coon with the educted feet.
THE PHOTOPLAY
THE TERRORS OF THE COAST
No change of time nor prices.

MERRIMACK SQ. THEATRE STOCK CO.
Make Sure Your Christmas Will be a Merry one—Get your Seats Now for Clyde Fitch's Great Comedy
"THE BLUE MOUSE"
And it Will be a Certainty. There Are Still Good Ones Left.
NEXT WEEK
"QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER"

KASINO
Dancing Christmas afternoon and evening. Music by a union orchestra.

B. F. KEITH'S Twice Daily 2.15 and 8.15
THE BEST VAUDEVILLE
Show Lowell Has Ever Seen Headed by the Humorist,
Joe Cook
The One Man Vaudeville Show
Seven Other Star Features including Adler & Arline in "A New Idea," Smith, Cook and Brandon, "The Millionairess;" Four Melodious Chaps, McMahon, Diamond and Chaplow, Toyo Japanese Troupe; Mlle. Tuttle's Parrots, and the Hearst Selig Weekly.
1000 Matinee Reserved Seats 10c

May Christmas Bells Peal Joy to All!

EXPECTATIONS.

The kid that lives next door to me
Is talkin' mighty queer.
He says that Santa Claus won't be
A-comin' round this year.
He says we're poorer than we was,
An' that's why he is sure
That Santa Claus won't come, because
He doesn't like the poor.

I guess I know we're poor, all right.
My dad ain't got no job,
An' all my mother does at night
Is lay awake an' sob.
But I should think old Santa'd know
That 'count o' this here war
Us kids that's boosted for him so
Would need him all the more.

He must be rich as rich can be,
For every Christmas day
The papers tells about how he
Gives loads o' toys away.
I ain't expectin' him to bring
A very awful lot,
But, gee, I'd like some little thing
To show he ain't forgot!

—James J. Montague in New York American.

THE CHRISTMAS SHIP.

We've packed it full of comfy caps,
Of mittens, sweaters, toys;
Gay dollies for sad, little girls;
Games, puzzles, for the boys.
Deep in the hold are tiny boots,
Warm dresses, new and nice,
And all gifts tell of children's love
And some of sacrifice.

Then for the babies, deary me,
Such loads of daintiest socks,
Pink, white or blue; soft petticoats,
Wee bonnets, jackets, frocks.
As box on box was crowded in
We pictured their surprise
And hoped that joy might gleam again
In little tearful eyes.

We're glad that worried Uncle Sam,
Though busy, thought to pause
To cheer each tot whose father's killed
So can't be Santa Claus.
God speed our ship across the waves!
The precious freight she bears
Is not alone our Christmas gifts,
But love and tears and prayers!

—Ella A. Fanning in New York World.

The Beautiful Bethlehem Bells

Over the roar of the cities, over the hills and the dells,
With a message of peace to the nations, ring the beautiful Bethlehem bells,
Bringing joy to the souls that are sighing in the hovels where poverty dwells,
There is life—there is life for the dying in the beautiful Bethlehem bells!

Far off in a land that is lovely for the tender, sweet story it tells,
In the light of a glorious morning, rang the beautiful Bethlehem bells,
And still in the hearts of creation an anthem exultingly swells
At that memory sweet of the ringing of the beautiful Bethlehem bells!

They rang o'er the hills and the valleys, they summoned the glad world that day
From regions of night to the radiant light of the cot where the Beautiful lay,
And for ever and ever and ever a wonderful melody dwells
In the tender, sweet ringing and singing of the beautiful Bethlehem bells!

For they sing of a love that is deathless, a love that still triumphs in loss;
They sing of the love that is leading the world to the Calvary cross.
Ring sweet o'er the sound of the cities, ring sweet o'er the hills and the dells,
And touch us with tenderest pities, oh, beautiful Bethlehem bells!

—Atlanta Constitution.

"A CHILD IS BORN."

There was a day when heaven's serenity of bliss was invaded by a strange, new fact—it had met a heavy loss. The Son of God, whose glory had been heaven's boast since eternity's dawn, was no longer on his blessed throne. As when one of those stars whose placid shining had endured through centuries ceases suddenly and leaves a blank where its light had been, the divine luminary, the Son of God, had left his eternal, blissful seat, and heaven was in consternation.

But the mystery is explained, and now that the praise songs swell forth with unaccustomed beauty "Glory to God in the Highest" sing the angelic choristers with richer emphasis and fuller iteration than ever before. What does it mean? How strange and inadequate seems the answer, "A child is born."

A little human babe. The old painters as they tell the story with their brushes place a halo around his head. The shepherds knew him not because he was unlike other babes, but by the signs the angels gave them. The magi knew him by the star and by the teaching of God. The aged Simeon and Anna the prophetess knew him by the illumination of the Holy Spirit. But to all outward seeming the answer to our question as to the cause of heaven's jubilee and earth's new anthems is, "A child is born."

TIME FOR HOLY SONG.

The reverent and listening soul may almost hear again the song of angelic praise which sounded over the plains of Bethlehem on the night when the Christ was born. That birth has changed the history, the poetry, the music, the painting and the architecture of the world; it has changed the commerce, the social life and the religious creeds of the race; it has changed all our thoughts of God, of heaven and of eternity. That birth was the turning point in history; it was the close of a great chapter, and it was the beginning of an era which shall glide from time into eternity.

The whole air at the first Christmastide was tremulous with joy. It was a time for holy song, for inspired pæan, for seraphic psalm. Let joy come still to our homes and hearts. Christ gives brightness and beauty, gladness and glory to the whole circle of life and duty. Come, Lord Jesus, there shall be room for thee in our homes. Once there was none in the inn, but only in the stable; now our best is thine, only honor us with thy presence.

The Bloom of the Christmas Tree

At night we planted the Christmas tree
In the pretty home, all secretly;
All secretly, though merry of heart
With many a whisper, many a start
For children who'd scorn to make believe
May not sleep soundly on Christmas eve.

And then the tree began to bloom,
Filling with beauty the conscious room;
The branches curved in a perfect poise,
Laden with wonders that men call "toys,"
Blooming and ripening (and still no noise),
Until we merry folk stole away
To rest and dream till dawn of day.

In the morning the world was a girl and a boy,
The universe only their shouts of joy,
Till every branch and bough bad bent
To yield the treasure the Christ Child sent.
And then—and then—the children flew
Into our arms, as children do,
And whispered over and over again
That oldest, newest, sweetest refrain,
"I love you! I love you! Yes, I love you!"
And hugged and scrambled, as children do.
And we said in our hearts, all secretly,
"This is the bloom of the Christmas tree!"

—M. M. D.

THE SPELLBINDER

Said a lawyer to me yesterday: "I pppose you noticed the large number claims that the municipal council, ith two members of the bar among s membership, and a city solicitor the side, voted to settle?"

When I replied affirmatively, he rarked: "Did it occur to you that it ould be interesting to know how any of those claims could be colcted in court if the claimants had rought action against the city? From hat I read of these claims in the wspaper reports I should say that ite a few of them would be verdicts r the defendant."

Brief Inaugural

Mayor Murphy has stated that his augural address will be brief while e other members will make no adresses. There is little, if any, necesity, for an inaugural address on the rt of any of the members, particurly those who as yet have not held fice. In many of the cities in which e commission form of government in vogue, the new members are vorn in by the city clerk at the rst meeting of the new year and are ssigned to their respective departents, after which the council gets ght down to business without frills ceremony, and such is the spirit the charter. There is a possibility at we may be treated to a valedicry at the closing meeting of the resent year.

nd Still They Come

And still the offers of "square ands" at $50 per copy come pouring to the purchasing agent and the hool department. One of the latest mes from way up in New Hampire where a lady has a $1250 rosewood piano that she will turn over to e city for $50. Talk about a barin! I notice in the papers the atement that Purchasing Agent oye will be guided in making his rchases by an expert who was forerly employed by Chickering & Co., once celebrated firm of piano and gan manufacturers of Boston. He hould also get the assistance of ave Zizkind and John P. Quinn, who e experts respectively on junk and ndling wood.

uto Dealers Peeved

It is said that some of the auto ealers are considerably peeved over e manner in which the administraon has acted in making its purchases automobiles. Purchasing autos for e city departments reminds one of e old days of smooth paving. Arually some one would make a motion pave one or more streets with mooth paving" and then there would llow a battle-royal over the kind smooth paving to be laid, with the sual junkets, fights, accusations and her features of municipal indoor orts.

If the machine purchased for the ief of the fire department last year as all right why should a new one e needed this year? If another blumer be made this year will it mean nother automobile for the chief of e fire department next year?

iremen's Christmas Gift

Everybody in Lowell, and that inudes Park Commissioner Henry arr, will laud the fire laddies for eir generous Christmas gift to the oor of Lowell. It was a thoughtful t and will go a long way toward creasing the general popularity of e fire department as a body. With fund of $162 the firemen provided ood substantial dinners for 116 poor milies, making glad the hearts of robably five times that number of dividuals, at least, for it seems to e the dispensation of Providence that oor families are generally large fameies. The city of Lowell which has a reater responsibility relative to the oor of the city than any single deartment thereof, having saved about 100 of its appropriation for band oncerts, rather than allow this money o be returned to the general treasury about to spend it on a Christmas ve celebration in the open air, tonight, the program of which will conist of a Christmas tree, electrically ighted, a band concert, and the singng of Christmas carols, for the benefit of those who have sufficient clothng to make it possible for them to tand in the night air for a couple of ours without endangering their ealth. If the firemen can make 116 oor families happy on $162, what a reat amount of good the municipal ouncil might have done by spending hat $400 in similar manner. Both aily papers called attention early in he week to the large number of apeals for aid that were made to Mayor Murphy. The Sun quoted His Honor as saying that Monday was the worst day he has had since taking office, for such appeals. It has been ordained that the poor shall be always with us, and likewise that it is more blessed to give than to receive; therefore, when the municipal council or private individuals have any money for which they have no particular use, why not use it to make some poor souls happy, instead of wasting it in hollow ostentation?

The Boston Idea

In Boston last year, a Christmas tree celebration was held on Boston common, which cost the city $9,000. This year, however, Mayor Curley wisely believing that Christmas carols and an empty Christmas tree were not very effective aids to digestion, or conquerors of hunger, declined to have a similar celebration but instead held a charity ball for the benefit of the poor of the city, which netted $12,000, that will be spent to feed and clothe the worthy poor. Quite a difference from what the poor are getting from the city in Lowell.

A Word of Advice

Do your Christmas shopping early but if you can't do it early, at least do it before you go to the South common tonight, and then if you have any money left, either pin it in your pocket or deposit it in your stocking, as the case may be, where it will be safe, for you know the reputation of the South common at night, for lawlessness and inadequate police protection. Complaints galore have come from the Highland and Thorndike street sides of the South common, where there have been shooting affrays and women held up, robbed and assaulted. Now comes a complaint from the Summer street side where, it is said one or more unknown men have been terrorizing the neighborhood by entering the yards, removing the week's washing from the line and placing it on the front piazzas, peering into windows and frightening women. A few evenings ago a woman residing in Summer street, hearing a noise on her piazza, went to the door to find a man there who after addressing an insulting remark to her made his escape in the darkness.

The Poor Police

A lady residing in Centralville who has written The Spellbinder an interesting letter on her impression of local conditions, says among other things, the following:

"As for the police: No sporting club ever was gayer than the police on duty at the northern end of Centralville bridge, and everybody there is afraid to complain. People who have occupied houses in lower First street for nearly forty years are actually afraid to complain and remain awake or are awakened over and over again each night by the 12.30 squad coming on, and talking as if at grand opera trying to be heard above the music. Again at 1 o'clock while the first shift gathers and plays while waiting for 1.15, when they march over the bridge to report; then—the mob that lives in Centralville stamps across at 1.45—never less than 15, and all talking as if miles from civilization. When they reach First street they yell at the officers on duty and there is a great pow-pow of confidences. I am so tired of listening to policemen's secrets and opinions that I am almost willing to enter the complaint myself."

As one who has the more or less enviable reputation of having attained a certain degree of proficiency in the art of "hammer-throwing," I stand uncovered, while contemplating the above, and venture the opinion that for scientific and finished "without limit or reserve" hammer-throwing, commend me to a woman. I would suggest as a remedy that the lady in question take notes on those exchanges of confidence and submit them to "The Spellbinder" for publication. Undoubtedly the desired effect will be obtained after one publication while incidentally the public might get a little "inside" information relative to the police department.

Or did you ever try sticking your fair head out of the window and crying at the top of your musical lungs: "Help, Murder, Police!" But by the time the "mob" had hooted it back to headquarters and had returned with the inspectors who handle all of the more intricate mysteries, you'd be sound asleep.

Mayoralty Candidates

It is rumored that as the "Heavenly Twins" Messrs. Jewett and Achin have played the game together since they entered politics, Rep. Achin will be a candidate for mayor, while friends of Rep. Jewett state that he will also be a candidate. Rep. Achin's friends take it for granted that there is to be a French-American candidate for mayor next year and as Henri on each occasion that he has run for office has shown the necessary strength, and as a representative has shown that strength in three of the nine wards, while upon the only occasion of Dr. Migneault's candidacy for elective office he has not shown the necessary strength to secure even a nomination, they consider that Mr. Achin will be the stronger of the two before the public and hence consider him the "logical" French-American candidate.

The contest between Achin and Jewett should be a very interesting and friendly one. But neither gentleman has made any personal declaration of intention in the matter.

Belvidere Associates

When a number of young men residing in Belvidere organized a social club with headquarters in East Merrimack street and hung out a transparency booming two of their members who were candidates for municipal office, they were dubbed a political club, and the opinion was freely expressed that election day would put the club out of existence. Election day came, however, without bringing success to the two club members who were candidates, but the club instead of going out of existence as was predicted, turned its attention to helping the worthy poor of Belvidere, thereby setting a worthy example to all other similar organizations, and distributed shoes, stockings and clothing to some 30 or 40 poor families. Pretty good business for an alleged "fly-by-night" political club.

As Tiny Tim once remarked: "God bless us; everyone," and that includes the municipal council.

THE SPELLBINDER.

Brownies, Asso., Christmas eve.

SLEEPYTIME TALES

BY VIRGINIA VALE

FOR THE LITTLE READERS OF THE SUN

TOM'S ADVENTURE

Once upon a time, when there was snow on the ground, two boys named Ned and Jack lived in the country and at Christmas they were given presents of air guns which they were very anxious to try on real game.

Ned's father said Christmas morning after breakfast: "Why don't you go out in the woods and see if you cannot get us a rabbit for a stew tonight."

Of course he was joking, as air guns would not be strong enough to kill rabbits, so father thought.

The boys started off with their guns over their shoulders and were very sure that they would bring home not one but several rabbits. They found a lot of tracks in the snow in the woods which they thought must be rabbit tracks and one track that looked very big even for a large rabbit made them decide to follow it, for they thought it might even be a bear and such mighty hunters as they would not be afraid of a bear you may be sure.

Suddenly they heard a noise behind some bushes and they began to be a little nervous and shaky for they thought: "What if it should really and truly be a bear?"

Just as they decided that they must be brave, and had raised their guns to fire into the brush, there was a terrible noise, the bushes split apart and bounding toward them came old "Tom," Jack's big Newfoundland dog.

They were frightened at first, but oh what a relief when they realized that it was not a bear but their old friend Tom. It was his tracks they had followed and not those of a bear; not even a rabbit.

They had had enough of rabbit shooting, however, and gladly romped home with "Tom" to tell Father what a narrow escape they had had from perhaps wounding their old friend. They decided, too, that it would be wicked to shoot the poor little rabbits and that they would shoot only at a target thereafter.

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

The Musketaquid mills will probably commence operations on Monday.

Hang up your stocking tonight, and be sure it's a big one.

Business in the stores is reported very good, better than they had hoped for.

A Merry Christmas and most prosperous New Year to every man, woman and child in the city!

Fred Smith of the Spaulding Shoe Co., will spend Christmas with relatives in Boston.

Henry Newell of the American Hide & Leather Co., has returned from a visit to relatives in Cambridge, Mass.

Thomas Conley of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co., is much pleased with the present from Nashua, N. H.

Kempton, the City League champ jumped into first place in the individual bowling this week.

Frank McCarlin is home again in time for the annual Christmas tree celebration. Frank also has another event to ponder over.

Frank Gookin, a prominent Lowell boy employed at his trade as a plumber, in Boston, is home for the holidays.

Paul McCaffrey of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. won in his bowling match over Leo Hindle of the Tremont & Suffolk mills.

Shedd park was flooded yesterday and skating will in all probability be enjoyed by hundreds of lovers of the winter sport tomorrow.

The Painters union will meet tonight in Carpenters hall. The Machinists union will convene in Cotton Spinners hall, 22 Middle street.

The Tremont & Suffolk mills have not received the large blanket order as yet, although it is expected at any time.

John Mulligan of the Prescott mills rolled the remarkable three string total of 347 at a local alley last evening. It would be well for some of the City league teams to look him up.

Organizer Daniel E. Whalen of the Boot & Shoe Workers' union left today for Brockton where he will spend Christmas with his family. He'll be back at work on Saturday.

Fred Gillis of the Field Lumbers Shoe Co. is the acknowledged card champ at the Y. M. C. I., winning the title from Ed. Leonard in a series of games last night.

Diamond rings were numerous among the presents received by the young ladies employed in the local industries, and some of them took much pride in exhibiting them.

Business at the stores picked up remarkably in the past few days and the clerks were kept pretty busy. Christmas shopping has been later than usual this year, and today the rush was on in earnest.

The plant of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. closed down tonight for a period of ten days. This despite will be given over to the annual stocktaking, after which everything is expected to go along prosperously.

William H. Harrington a prominent Lowell boy employed in Manchester, N. H., will arrive in this city late tonight. "Bill" will have charge of the annual Christmas tree celebration at the Y. M. C. I. tomorrow afternoon.

Shoe Foreman Remembered

Foreman Sullivan of the finishing department at the Barry Shoe Co., was presented an umbrella and a box of cigars by his employes yesterday. Overseer Thayer of the stitching room received a smoking jacket and slippers to match, and Overseer Mulcahey of the cutting department was the recipient of a beautiful gas lamp. J. W. Barry, the owner, President Griffin and Superintendent White each received a smoking jacket, the gifts coming from the foreman. This afternoon work was suspended, and the employes held forth in a Christmas party.

Carpenters Union

The Carpenters union, local 1610, held a lengthy business session in the union quarters last evening and business of considerable importance was transacted. Several applications for membership were received and turned over to the investigating committee, who will report on them at the next regular meeting. It was suggested that a joint open meeting be held next Tuesday night, and further arrangements were made at the meeting of the joint council which followed. Local 40 will unite with Local 1610 in making the meeting a grand success. Every carpenter in the city, whether union or nonunion, is invited to attend this meeting. William J. Shields of Jamaica Plain, general organizer for the Carpenters union, will be one of the speakers, as will Organizer Millette of Worcester.

Lowell's Mills Booming

Lowell's mills on every hand are beginning to derive the benefits of the great European war, and indications point to every mill in the city running to capacity after the first of the year. In some of the mills already looms that have been idle for years have been started up, and many new names have been added to the payrolls. This is encouraging in view of the fact that mills in other textile centres have felt little or no effect of the boom as yet. With the winter upon us the armies of Europe will have to be clothed and provided with other necessities of life, and this business will come to this country. The heads of mills in all textile centres are optimistic and predict unprecedented prosperity for this country.

Although the shoe business in this city is not booming, better times are promised and this part of the city's industrial life will share in the coming prosperity. One shoe concern is at present making samples for army shoes, and a large government order is expected at any time.

Brownies, Associate hall, tonight.

NASHUA WILL CONTEST

ARREST OF RANDOLPH W. FARLEY AND ATTACHMENT OF HIS PROPERTY

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 24.—The arrest in a civic process of Randolph W. Farley and the attachment of his property in $5000 added another chapter to the mystery of the will of Frederick Kelsey, former superintendent of schools. The complainants are Fred M. Barnard of Manchester and Bernice I. Plummer of Goffstown, who were among the beneficiaries named in the alleged will of Kelsey, which the probate court last Wednesday refused to allow. They claim in the papers filed in the suit that Farley wrote a document purporting to be Kelsey's will, knowing it to be fraudulent, and by so doing put them to great expense.

Farley was a neighbor of Kelsey's. The alleged will, which was disallowed, was found behind a bookcase in Kelsey's home, after a long search. It purported to dispose of an estate of $226,000, giving a third to the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, one-third to Bernice I. Plummer, and the remainder, with the exception of $10,000 to the Congregational church, to Kelsey's half-uncles, George and Fred Barnard, his heirs-at-law. Farley was given a few old coins and other relics by the will. By the action of the probate court the estate reverts to the heirs-at-law.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

WILL REOPEN ON JANUARY 4—BUSINESS, HOWEVER, TO BE RESTRICTED

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It was officially announced last evening that the London Stock Exchange will reopen Jan. 4.

The conduct of business, however, will be restricted by stringent regulations imposed by the treasury in the interest of the nation. The exchange has been closed since the outbreak of the war.

The regulations under which the exchange will operate will include the following:

Dealings except for cash will be prohibited; the present minimum price lists are to be maintained and extended to all transactions recorded; a broker at the time of selling securities must show that he possesses or controls them; no dealings in new issues will be allowed unless approved by the treasury; no member will be allowed to bid for or offer stock openly in the market; no member will be permitted to negotiate the purchase or sale of shares dealt in on the American market at a less price than the English equivalent of the New York closing price of the 30th of July"; only British-born or naturalized members or clerks will be admitted to the exchange.

Best ever, Associate hall, Dec. 24.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN VESTRY

The Christmas trees in the vestry of the Kirk Street church proved a great attraction yesterday afternoon. There were two large trees hung with gifts and decorated with tiny incandescent lamps. Clarence W. Hoyt substituted for Santa Claus and he looked enough like Santa to be his brother. Before Santa put in an appearance the large audience present was entertained by the Ruggles scene from the Birds' Christmas Carol. Mrs. Murray H. Pratt was the mother and her children were cleverly represented by Helen Carley, Doris Carey, Jack Harvey, Helena Marriott, Everett Whipple, Marie Pratt, Clarence Marriott, Ethelyn Leinhas and Thurlow MacIlrayne.

Some time tonight. Associate, the Brownies will be there.

Christmas sweet cider. Boyle Bros.

HOBSON FOR PRESIDENT

HE BRUSHES THE IDEA ASIDE, —DECLARES PROHIBITION WILL BE A NATIONAL ISSUE IN 1916

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Probably the most chagrined survivor of the prohibition fracas in Representative Hobson, whose defeat was sentenced yesterday by almost a dozen nominations for the presidency, in person, by wire and by mail. Some urged him to run on the democratic ticket, some on the prohibition, and some at the head of a composite ticket.

Although he felt complimented by the suggestion, Capt. Hobson brushed the idea aside and declared he had not been looking for political preferment though his fight, he had been working for a principal. He declared that the prohibition fight had just started and would be made a national issue in 1916.

Good time at Brownies, Asso. hall.

MUNICIPAL XMAS TREE TONIGHT

The municipal Christmas tree, a graceful hemlock, 40 feet in height, will be the centre of attraction at the South common this evening. The tree will be beautifully illuminated with hundreds of incandescent lights and surmounted with a dazzling star. The switch will be turned on at 7 o'clock this evening and the illumination will follow. The pioneer Christmas tree will not hold any Christmas presents, but it will be very beautiful to look upon. A great circle of powerful arc lamps will surround the tree. The exercises will not begin until 10.30 o'clock. The first number on the program will be a selection by the band of 40 pieces, directed by William Kegan. After 11 o'clock the male choir, under the direction of Alex. Williams, chorister at St. Anne's Episcopal church, will sing Christmas carols. The choir will be accompanied by the band and all those who will be there and who know the carols are invited to sing them. Leaders holding the words will be distributed. The exercises will close after midnight with a selection by the band.

Best ever, Associate hall, tonight.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS TREE TONIGHT AT THE COMPANY'S QUARTERS IN APPLETON STREET

The 80 telephone operators employed at the local exchange will hold a Christmas tree celebration in the company's building on Appleton street tonight. The tree, handsomely decorated with lights and filled with gifts, will be placed in the recreation room which has been specially arranged for the occasion. The affair is only for the operators, and they will forget their troubles at the switchboard and show a real Christmas spirit. It is said that one of the girls is to take the part of Santa Claus and distribute the gifts which the young women will make to each other. An entertainment will be furnished and dainty refreshments will be served.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS

OHIO BREWERY CONCERN HAMPER BY DECREASED DEMAND, "DRY" VOTES AND ADVERSE LEGISLATION

COLUMBUS, Dec. 24.—The Hocker-Columbus Breweries company, a $12,000,000 corporation, went into the hands of receivers yesterday on order of the United States district court. "Decreased demand for beer, adverse legislation and the voting 'dry' of many states and counties in the last eight years," was given as the cause.

The appointment of receivers was made on a showing that the company had defaulted payment upon a judgment of $5518. The court named C. Christian Born and Carl J. Hester, large stockholders, as receivers.

The company had $1,[illegible] outstanding capital stock and $1,[illegible] outstanding bonds. Most stocks and bonds were secured by mortgage on property in Ohio, Illinois, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New Jersey.

In its statement the company declared the voting dry of West Virginia was "the last straw" in a serious of legislative acts which reduced seriously the sale of its product. Increase of the saloon license fee to $1000 by the Ohio legislature eight years ago, a county local option law and the more recent license system by which the number of saloons was greatly cut down were mentioned as other causes.

Miner's at Associate hall, tonight.

ONLY 10 BELOW AT DOVER, N. H.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 24.—Yesterday was the coldest day of the season here. The thermometer registered from 5 to 10 below zero.

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LOST AND FOUND

THREE GREEN TRADING STAMP books lost between postoffice and 14 Barclay st., by way of Appleton and Westford sts. Finder return to 14 Barclay st. for reward.

BLACK POCKETBOOK LOST MONDAY afternoon between Kennedy's bottling store, Merrimack st. and car station and Gorham sts., containing sum of money. Reward for return to Pedley Bros., Suffolk st.

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SUNNY SIX-ROOM TENEMENT TO let at No. 30 Hillcrest, steam, heat; 2nd house; garden; handy to mills and depot. J. Stubbs, Hillcrest ave., No. Billerica.

NEW MODERN LODGING HOUSE, light housekeeping, at 111 Worthen st.

FIVE-ROOM FLAT TO LET, HOT and cold water, hardwood floors, concrete cellar. Inquire 17 South Highland st., or tel. 826-R.

FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED rooms to let, single or suite at 221 and 223 Westford st.

UP-TO-DATE 7-ROOM TENEMENT to let. Apply at 303 Westford st.

WARM DOWNSTAIRS 5-ROOM flat, to let; bath, hot water, etc. 471 School st. Tel. 2271-R.

STORE AND TENEMENT TO LET at 24 Gorham st. Inquire at 5 Hannah's court, up one flight.

LARGE STORE TO LET AT 67 GORHAM st. Good business stand; low rent desirable. Apply 67 Gorham st.

VERY DESIRABLE 4-ROOM TENEMENT facing street; toilet on floor; easily run furnace; no pipe smoking or dogs. Kitchen of treatment under sink; also for two or three lights. See it today. George E. Brown, 79 Chestnut st.

HOUSE OF 31 LARGE ROOMS TO let at 78 East Merrimack st.; modern conveniences. Inquire 18 Franklin st. Tel. 1805-W.

A BAKERY TO LET AT 57 BRANCH street; $12.00 per month; store $15.00 per month. Inquire 167 Stevens st., mornings or evenings. Tel. 2315-R.

COLUMBIA HALL TO LET, DANCES, meetings, etc. Inquire Janitor, 108 Middle st.

NEW MODERN COTTAGE IN DRACUT Centre, to let; also clean, bright tenement near Gorham st., for small family. Lt. Wesley Sawyer.

PLEASANT SUNNY ROOMS TO LET; steam heat, electric light, bath. Apply 5 Webster st.

FIVE ROOM FLAT TO LET, 17 Waugh st.; steam heat, electric light and all modern improvements. Inquire Farrell & Conston, 241 Dutton st.

THE OFFICES OCCUPIED FOR many years by Dr. Carolin, to let. In The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank building. Inquire at bank.

EIGHT-ROOM FLAT TO LET WITH all modern conveniences; opposite Fort Hill Park. Apply 499 High st., upper bell.

FOR RENT AT 990 MIDDLESEX ST., house of 9 rooms; stable if wanted; new furnace. Inquire 224 Market st.

STORE AT 95 APPLETON ST., TO let. Good show windows. Steam heat. Apply to E. T. Wilder, Traders National Bank.

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TWO GOOD OFFICES IN THE HARRINGTON building, 52 Central st., to let at a very low rental. If desired will be rented for rooming purposes. Apply to D. J. Harrington, Building Manager, 901 Sun building.

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TABLE GIRL WANTED AT 213 Dutton st. Apply at once.

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		1	2	3	4	5
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KEY TO FIRE ALARM BOXES

1 All box numbers commencing with the figure one, as 12, 13, etc., up to 131, are located within a radius of about one-half mile from the North common, extending from Dutton street north to Pawtucket street and from School street east to Merrimack mills.

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7 All numbers commencing with seven, are located in Pawtucketville.

8 All numbers commencing with eight, are located in Belvidere.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Div. To Boston Lve.	Arr.	From Boston Lve.	Arr.	Portland Div. To Boston Lve.	Arr.	From Boston Lve.	Arr.
5.43	6.30	6.35	7.32	6.35	7.32	6.30	8.00
6.35	7.26	6.40	6.58	b7.53	8.45	8.13	10.29
6.47	7.59	7.11	8.24	8.33	10.30	10.40	11.53
6.40	7.53	7.50	8.35	10.27	12.07	11.50	12.55
6.57	8.00	b8.21	9.29	12.07	1.18	3.33	4.43
7.21	8.05	9.00	9.39	21.27	2.46	5.14	6.12
7.25	8.40	9.30	10.08	3.40	4.41	6.03	7.03
7.50	8.37	11.30	12.09	5.18	6.41	7.50	8.15
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9.33	10.18	2.00	3.46				
10.14	11.36	b4.14	5.00				
11.03	11.45	4.00	4.39				
12.15	1.05	b4.14	6.34				
1.45	2.25	5.00	5.38				
2.30	3.27	b5.21	6.32				
3.40	4.30	5.38	6.34				
4.20	5.27	b5.51	7.14				
5.31	6.28	6.14	7.23				
b6.17	7.22	8.00	8.38				
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.03				
8.05	8.50	10.30	11.36				
9.45	10.30	11.40	12.36				

Sunday Trains

Southern Division			
6.47	7.30	8.43	9.47
7.21	8.05	9.30	10.08
8.30	9.25	11.30	12.03
9.46	9.58	1.00	1.50
10.20	11.13	5.30	6.24
2.42	3.25	8.00	8.38
5.10	6.00	8.30	9.03
6.27	7.10	9.20	10.25
8.08	8.50	10.20	11.35
9.46	10.34		

Portland Division			
8.50	9.27	8.00	9.18
12.15	1.16	12.00	1.00
3.50	5.00	3.35	4.45
5.45	7.00	5.20	6.35
8.55	10.04	8.45	9.48

b Via Bedford. s Via Salem Jct. z Via Wilmington Jct. n not run on Holidays.

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FIVE PERSONS CAUGHT IN NEW YORK FIRE TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—When Arthur Corse, a telephone operator at a down-town hospital, paused a moment at the "dying" ward to enquire about five persons who had been caught in a fire trap on the top floor of their home on this, the day before Christmas, and for whom he had rushed out the hospital ambulances a few minutes before, he found the dying and dead to be his own mother, three brothers and a cousin.

Four of these had been suffocated in their tenement at 336 West 49th street before aid could reach them, the fifth, Corse's mother, is dying at the hospital. They were: Mrs. Mary Corse, 48 years old, her three sons, Charles 21, Frank 19, and Harry 7, and her niece, Grace Anadale, 8 years old.

The fire started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shafts. Scores of other tenants in the building suffered from inhaling smoke and minor injuries in escaping from the building. Patrolmen and firemen performed many thrilling rescues from windows on the fourth and fifth floors. The loss on the building was small amounting to about $5,000.

QUINCY A. SHAW IS ILL

PRESIDENT OF CALUMET & HECLA MINING CO. SUFFERS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Quincy A. Shaw, president of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., has been compelled to relinquish all business as well as his diversified athletic and social activities because of a physical and nervous breakdown, according to a statement made by his uncle, Major Henry L. Higginson, today. The condition of Mr. Shaw, who is widely known through his management of the mining interests organized by his father, the late Quincy A. Shaw, and his participation in sports is said to have been due to overwork.

Mr. Shaw has been actively engaged in the affairs of the Calumet properties for ten years, during which time he has been confronted with the problems of the futile attempt to consolidate the several copper companies of northern Michigan; a strike of Calumet miners resulting in a federal investigation two years ago; and finally the depression in the copper business caused by the war. Throughout his business troubles, Mr. Shaw continued his interest in amateur sports, particularly golf, polo, lawn and court tennis and racquets.

Mr. Shaw first showed evidence of breaking down a few days ago. On Sunday he failed to keep a dinner engagement, after which he submitted to medical treatment. Since that time he has been under the care of a physician.

The copper mines owned by the Calumet & Hecla company were discovered by Alexander Agassiz, a son of the Swiss naturalist and were developed by him and the elder Shaw.

The Calumet & Hecla company early became one of the most profitable concerns of the country and the stock, which originally sold for $1 a share some 40 years ago, touched the high mark of $1000 a share in 1906. Its par value is $25. The financial stress of 1907, the strike of miners, the failure of the Consolidation plans and the general depreciation in the price of the metal depressed the price of the company's stock, until last summer it was selling at $400 a share. Following the outbreak of the war, the company for the first time in its history in September passed the quarterly dividend. At the quarterly meeting of the directors last week the dividend was again passed. The stock was selling on the local exchange today at 350.

O'Sullivan Says:

TIME IS UP TODAY

Today is the last day you have to do your Christmas shopping, also the last day of the "give away a barrel of apples" with every purchase of $5.00 or over, at the Merrimack Clothing Company.

If you've waited until today before gift buying, you'll have to do your shopping in a hurry. Your choice won't suffer if you come to the Merrimack Clothing Company.

Below is printed a few last minute suggestions.

Men's House Coats, at $3.95 to $7.50
Men's Bath Robes, at $3.95 to $7.50
Men's Shirts, at.....50c to $3.50
Men's Hosiery, at 12 1-2c to 50c
Men's Handkerchiefs, at 5c to $1.00
Men's Neckwear, at 25c to $1.50
Women's Bath Robes, $3.95 to $7.50
Women's Silk Petticoats, at $1.95 to $5.00
Women's Waists, at 95c to $5.00
Women's Sweaters, at $3.95 to $10.00
Women's Handkerchiefs, at 12 1-2c to $1.00
Boys' Mackinaws, at.....$5.00
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Louis Marshall of New York, attorney for Leo Frank, the Atlanta factory superintendent under sentence of death for the murder of Mary Phagan, arrived in Washington today to present to Justice Lamar of the supreme court an application for an appeal from the refusal of Judge Newman of the Georgia federal court to release Frank on a habeas corpus writ. In addition to the formal appeal, Mr. Marshall had prepared for the justice's signature a certificate stating that in his opinion there was probable cause for appeal. Such a certificate is necessary in an appeal of this kind.

MR. GOLDSTEIN COMING

TO LECTURE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DECEMBER 31—FORMER SOCIALIST

Mr. David Goldstein, the famous orator on Socialism, will lecture on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 31, at Associate hall, with "Socialism" as his subject. Mr. Goldstein is known throughout the country as one of the greatest authorities on this topic. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and will come to Lowell through the arrangements affected by that order through its local branch, Lowell council, No. 72. It is expected that Mr. Goldstein's fame as an orator alone will cause the large auditorium to be taxed to its full capacity.

Mr. Goldstein has lectured throughout the country on Socialism and his treatment of the subject has always accorded the highest commendation. He is a student of every side of the question and is admitted by socialists themselves to be their most formidable opponent. Everywhere his appearance and oratory have been received with grand patriotic demonstrations and newspapers have published glowing accounts of his successes.

Having been formerly a member of the socialist movement, Mr. Goldstein is well equipped to delve deeply into the subject and consider it from every viewpoint. He was the first socialist candidate for mayor of the city of Boston. He resigned from the movement soon after and became its most feared opponent.

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AEROPLANE DROPS BOMB OVER DOVER, ENGLAND

Petrograd Reports Two Austrian Companies Annihilated and Over 7000 Men Captured—3,835 British Officers Killed, Wounded or Missing

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—A statement issued by the official press bureau today regarding the fighting along the Russian front says:

"On the left bank of the Pilica obstinate fighting continues in the region of the village of Jeseses and Rojkowawola, about six miles west of Nowemiasto.

"On the right bank of the Pilica we have made progress in the vicinity of Opoczno and Tomaszo.

"In Galicia our success continues. South of the Vistula we captured during the 20th and 21st 66 officers and 5000 men, three cannon and ten mitrailleuses.

"In the Carpathians, while pursuing the retreating Austrians we captured on Dec. 22 30 officers and about 1500 men.

"Near Przemysl the Austrians attempted a new sortie during which several of their advance companies were completely annihilated. Other advance companies were made prisoners. In this affair we seized about a mile of railroad leading into the city."

French parliament by unanimous vote appropriates $1,700,000,000 to carry on the war.

Germans capture military post in Portuguese West Africa.

Emperor Francis Joseph is dying and has received the last sacraments, according to Rome report.

British government decided to indemnify those who suffered bodily or property losses in German bombardment of coast.

3835 BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED, WOUNDED OR MISSING

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—A total of 3835 British officers were killed, wounded or missing so far in the European war, according to an official statement of the war office here today. These are divided as follows: Killed 1051; wounded, 2153; missing, 632.

The casualties occurred in all branches of the service, about 60 different regiments having lost one or more officers in killed or wounded. No officers, however, are reported missing in the list, a feature that has been more or less prevalent in previous casualty reports.

Twenty-three British officers were killed during the week ending Dec. 15 and 81 were wounded.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S WAR NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Austro-German army of 400,000 that raised siege of Cracow assails Russians in South Poland.

Two Russian armies of center and south trying to join hands before Radom.

Germans pass Skierniewice in effort to flank defenders of Warsaw.

Severe fighting continues on Bzura river line.

Russians claim they have turned back the Austrian drive in Galicia.

Allies continue to get the Germans back at many points in Belgium and France.

Germans compelled to retreat from Roulers and Middelkerke.

Berlin official report says French attacks in neighborhood of Rheims have been "partly repelled."

Germans announce they have again driven the English from Richebourg l'Avoue.

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be distributed among the men employed at the home and the outsiders who have been invited. This will be followed by an entertainment which will continue until the noon hour.

A turkey dinner will then be served to about 65 men, many of whom live at the home. An appropriate program will be carried out in the afternoon.

Ayer Home

The children at the Ayer home will receive the visit of Santa Claus during the night, and they all know it, for they have informed the matron they wish to hang up their stockings before retiring. They all hope to roll out of bed at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning and from that time until six o'clock they will be given the freedom of the home. At 10 o'clock a group of children will entertain their companions with a playlet entitled "Mrs. Bean's Christmas Dinner." At noon a turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served, while in the afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held, this to be followed by the singing of Christmas carols, and the serving of ice cream, fruit and cake.

St. Peter's Orphanage

The little girls of St. Peter's orphanage will attend mass at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning and the choir of the institution, composed of children will sing hymns during the service. At noon a turkey dinner including all fixings, will be served, the food for the repast having been given by kind friends of the home. In the afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held, and of course this will be a surprise for the girls, for although they have prepared an entertainment of high grade, they are not aware of the fact that they will be given toys and valuable articles. A number of friends of the young people will attend by special invitation and it is expected a most cheerful afternoon will be spent.

French-American Orphanage

A feature of the Christmas celebration at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street will be the midnight mass, which will be celebrated at 12 o'clock tonight. The children will attend in a body, following the old Canadian custom, and they will also supply a musical program. The mass will be for the children and the sisters of the home only.

Through the generosity of Undertaker Amedee Archambault the boys and girls of the home will be treated to a turkey dinner tomorrow noon, including fruit, ice cream, nuts and cake. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. George E. Caisse will preside over a Christmas tree celebration, while Dr. George E. Caisse will play the part of Santa Claus. An entertainment program has been prepared by the children, who will also thank their benefactors.

Day Nursery

At 5.30 o'clock this afternoon a Christmas tree celebration will be held at the Day Nursery in Kirk street. It is expected about 40 children will be present. Tomorrow noon a chicken dinner will be served to ten children, while in the afternoon the little ones will be taken to their respective homes, to spend the rest of the day with their parents.

Salvation Army Work

Christmas dinners will be provided to about 150 families in various parts of this city tomorrow by the Salvation army as a result of the campaign for the Christmas fund. The call for baskets this year has been even greater than in the past, many claiming that they have been out of work and are unable to purchase the essentials for the Christmas Day dinner.

A list of needy families, who have met with misfortune in past years, is kept at the Salvation army quarters on Jackson street and besides the names on hand many ask directly for help while others who have investigated conditions of certain families recommend that they be given baskets.

The baskets will be distributed late this afternoon under the direction of Adjutant Ayres. Each basket will contain two chickens or one small turkey, potatoes, turnips, squash, cranberries, sugar, tea and oranges, and other good things that will bring joy to both parents and little ones.

At the Hospitals

While the association of good cheer with illness and suffering seems incongruous, yet Christmas Day at St. John's hospital is a day of happiness and impressive beauty to all. Patients with friends are remembered by them by little gifts and delicacies which at least gladden the heart, while those without friends, and there are quite a few in this great charitable institution, are also remembered by the charitably-inclined. The corridors of the hospital are decorated with laurel and Christmas bunting while the pretty little altar in the hospital chapel is adorned with a wealth of fragrant flowers contributed by kind friends. Tomorrow the usual Christmas program will be carried out. There will be three masses, at 4.30, 6 and 5.30, celebrated by Rev. Lawrence J. Tighe, O. M. I., with singing by the nurses' choir. Preceding the first mass the nurses will proceed through the corridors singing Christmas carols. Those of the patients whose physical condition will permit will be served a Christmas dinner of turkey while each patient will be specially looked after according to his or her condition. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock benediction service will be held in the chapel. The patients who are able will attend the services in the chapel. The sisters at the hospital will welcome any little gifts of food or delicacies for the patients while cash contributions for the hospital will be gratefully received.

Christmas at the Lowell General hospital will be celebrated by a Christmas dinner and the wards will be beautifully decorated with the prevailing Christmas colors.

This afternoon the children of the hospital had a Christmas tree and Mr. John Sayer, acting in the role of Santa Claus, distributed the presents. The day is made enjoyable so far as that is possible for the sick.

At the Corporation hospital the regular Christmas dinner will be served and the wards will be artistically decorated. The nurses make a special effort to have all the patients partake of Christmas cheer in whatever form that can be conveyed.

Chelmsford Street Hospital

A turkey and fowl dinner will be served at the Chelmsford street hospital tomorrow. The superintendent of the institution has received 607 pounds of turkey and 24 pounds of fowl, and it is believed with this quantity of food all the inmates will be given one of the best dinners ever given at this hospital. Pie, fruit and other good things will also be on the menu and a most enjoyable day will be spent.

Lowell Jail

Roast pork and fixings, including pies, doughnuts and fruit will be the menu at the Christmas dinner at the Lowell jail. The inmates of the institution will also be given the freedom of the corridors and in the afternoon some of the talent of the institution will entertain with instrumental and vocal selections, a feature of the program to be victrola selections.

C. Y. M. L.

The members of the C. Y. M. L. will gather at their quarters in Suffolk street tomorrow afternoon to participate in a Christmas tree celebration. The affair will be held in the assembly hall and will be largely attended. Gifts will be exchanged between the members and the affair will produce laughter, for as a rule the event is one of merriment. The Glee club of the lyceum will entertain with an excellent musical program and games will be enjoyed.

Old Ladies' Home

The women of the Old Ladies' home in Fletcher street have been well remembered by their friends, for numerous costly gifts have been sent to the home, and the recipients of the gifts take this means of extending their heartfelt thanks to their many friends.

A turkey dinner will be served tomorrow and in the afternoon the venerable ladies will be entertained by the Titanic quartet, the musical program to be followed by a reception during which ice cream and cake will be served.

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FATHER GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE BOY'S LIFE

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—If Edward Kaufman, the 13-year-old son of L. P. Kaufman of 1683 Beacon street, Brookline, recovers from the effects of a serious coasting accident in Brookline yesterday forenoon, it will undoubtedly be due to the self-sacrifice of his father, who yesterday afternoon went to the Peter Bent Brigham hospital on Huntington avenue, Roxbury, and submitted to an operation for blood transfusion on behalf of the boy.

The operation was regarded a success and may be the means of saving the boy's life. From the moment he arrived at the hospital in the early forenoon up to the time blood was transfused into his veins from those of his father, he bled incessantly, the surgeons being powerless to check the loss.

Mr. Kaufman underwent the operation about 4 o'clock. His son was then unconscious from the loss of blood. There was a noticeable improvement soon after the father's blood was transfused, and the lad became conscious. The physicians in charge reported that he was moderately comfortable late last night and that he was sleeping.

The boy was run over by the automobile of Philip M. Tucker of 163 Dean road, Brookline. The wheels passed over the lad's body, causing a severe injury to the liver and severe contusions of the head.

The boy was coasting on Dean road and, it is said, hitched his double runner to the rear of one of D. Whiting's milk wagons. As the wagon crossed Beacon street at Dean road the automobile came along and hit the double-runner, throwing Kaufman to the ground.

When seen at his home in Brookline last evening, Mr. Kaufman was reluctant to talk about the operation. He was in a very weak state, as the surgeons took a large quantity of blood from him.

Edward is a pupil of the Huntington school.

MAN MARRIED IN LOWELL

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—Robert C. Miller, alias Robert Miller Hamilton, was held in bonds of $4000 in the 6th district court yesterday after pleading guilty of bigamy.

Miller was arrested by Inspector Haran after a complaint had been filed by the father of the second wife who is employed in a Providence department store.

Miller admitted to the police that he married Annie Hamilton in Lowell, Mass., eight years ago and that two children were born to them. He says that he came to Providence last June and became acquainted with Grace C. Boyle, a clerk, and married her Nov. 2 in this city. The first wife, a few days ago, came to this city. She found the second Mrs. Miller at her place of employment and explained the situation to her.

While the two women were talking Miller appeared and a scene followed.

If your teeth trouble you, see Dr. Gagnon. 466 Merrimack street.

ROBBED OF $450, HE SAYS

Max Gruber of Lawrence Thinks Newly-Made Acquaintance on Steamer May Have It

LAWRENCE, Dec. 24.—Max Gruber of 40 Oxford street, reported to the police yesterday that he had been robbed of $450 while on his way from New York to this city.

Gruber said he made the acquaintance of a man in the smoking room of a Sound line steamer, who on learning Gruber was bound for this city said he also was on his way to Lawrence. When the boat docked in Boston Gruber and his new friend started across the city to the North station, but they became separated, and then Gruber discovered his loss.

The money was sewed in one of his pockets, he said, and he was certain he had it when the boat touched at Providence. He thinks the money was taken while he was taking a nap in a chair on the boat.

YOUNG MAN SUFFOCATED

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 24.—Harry Bersow, 18, was suffocated and his brother Jacob is in a dangerous condition at a local hospital as the result of coal gas escaping from a furnace at their home last night.

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Shirt waists for Xmas. Gilday's, Sun bldg.

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